

Who Am I? SpiritMan

Review

- Talking about "Identity - Do you now who your are?"
- All characters in our own story. Also characters in God's larger story.
- All stories begin by establishing "normal" for the main character. That was last week. We are all equally born sinners and therefore separated from God. Not just what we do, what we are from which comes what we do.
- After the norm is established, the character experiences a catalyst. Something upsets the normal and changes the character forever. For the believer, this is that moment when you become a Christian. Born again, die to self, live in Christ, He in you. Transformation. New nature. Not following a religious code, a change of nature.
- Into what? What does it look like to operate in this new nature, to be what you are, or at least can be?

Intro

- It means a whole spectrum of things.
 - It means Heaven and eternity with the Lord. It also means a life here that is more than normal. Positional vs practical.
 - It means God could use you to do miracles in the lives of others, or He could do them in your own life. Spectrum in itself. Purpose of the power is always to draw attention to Jesus.
 - It means God's power, His Holy Spirit, working in you to continually transform you into the image/likeness of Jesus, and through you to transform the world around you.
 - The key difference between the old nature and the new, the key indicator as to how "super" you will be, is the degree to which the Holy Spirit is operating in and through your life. "super" above
 - You are SpiritMan.

Meet Superman

- Intro. Origins, source of power, weakness. Clip.
 - Lots of big moments! His life isn't like that all the time. Saves cats from trees, inspires kids to do the right thing. (*What would it be like to have a soundtrack follow you around in life? Trek, Gilligan, Toons.*)
 - Seems larger than life, which is the point. Life in Jesus, in the Spirit, is supposed to have a larger than life dynamic to it.
 - Not easier, not simpler, not your best life now, not larger for the sake of being larger, but to be a reflection of God's power to bring people out of darkness into the light. To save people, just like Superman.
 - Ever noticed, superheroes don't respond to things the way normal people do? Part of what it means to be SpiritMan.
 - What does it look like? Again, a spectrum.

Spiritmen and Women - the big stuff

● Jesus

- Do we really need a review? Physical healing, miracles (food, water, storm), casting out demons. Emotional healings, approaching the unapproachable, accepting the unacceptable, touching the untouchable.
- In all things Jesus points people to His Father, to God. [John 5:19-21](#), [14:9-13](#).
- [Jesus came to be an example to us, not just of morality and spirituality, but in power and in purpose.](#) While He was/is God in the flesh, He was also filled with the Spirit and obedient to His Father, like us.

● Survey - Peter, Philip, Paul (how did they respond?)

- Living out [Acts 1:8](#), [2:39](#). Results - the power of the Spirit pointing people to Jesus.
- Does this stuff still happen today? Absolutely. Are these things abused and counterfeited today just like back then? Absolutely. But that doesn't mean there isn't a reality to them, a time and place for them in our lives today. ("[Holy Fire](#)" by [Niki Cruz](#))
- Gifts (graces) of the Spirit, super powers. Bill Ritchie "power tools". Refer back to "HS Batman"
- [The more you give yourself over to being SpiritMan, the more God will use you.](#)
- [Will we all be used to do these kinds of things? No, but the potential is there for God to want to.](#)

Spiritmen and Women - the "small" stuff

- [Is there really any small stuff? Nope. In fact, it is in the small stuff where we need the most super power, where it makes the most difference, where it is the most visible.](#)
- [Galatians 5:22-24.](#) Those fruit, those "powers" in every area of life. My own fight lately. The potential battle our church faces.
- [Philippians 4:6-13.](#) Not "serenity now" ignorance of reality. Not delivered from troubles, but through them.
- All of this encompasses what it means to live life as SpiritMan.

Wrap up

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