

The Advantage

Series: 2020 Vision

“...be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Ephesians 5:18 (NLT)

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. ... “If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit...” John 14:12, 15-17 (NLT)

*“I tell you the truth: it is to your **advantage** that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.” John 16:7 (ESV)*

By The Advantage Of The Holy Spirit...

1. I Level Up In Christ’s Strength

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*“For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to **be strengthened with might through His Spirit** in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts **through faith**... that you may **be filled with all the fullness of God**. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...” Ephesians 3:14-20 (NKJV)*

“I have strength for all things in the One strengthening me.” Philippians 4:13 (BLB)

2. I Live In Newness

“He saved us, not by the righteous deeds we had done, but according to His mercy, through the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This is the Spirit He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.” Titus 3:5-6 (BSB)

*“...If anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creation. The old has passed away. Behold, **the new has come!**” 2 Corinthians 5:17 (BSB)*

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13 (NIV)

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ...Those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires... The mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.” Romans 8:1-2, 5-6 (NIV)

3. I Grow In Wisdom & Godly Living

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” John 14:26 (ESV)

“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth...” John 16:13 (ESV)

“...We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.” Colossians 1:9-10 (NIV)

“Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions. ... Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions; I will put them into practice with all my heart.” Psalm 119:18, 34 (NLT)

*“And we all... are **being transformed**... from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)*

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind...” Romans 12:2 (NIV)*

4. I Glorify Jesus

“He will glorify Me...” John 16:14 (BSB)

By Praising Him Publicly

“...Be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:18-20 (NLT)

By Telling Others About Him

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (BSB)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me to bring Good News... He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.” Luke 4:18-19 (NLT)

How Do I Embrace The Advantage?

“He must become greater; I must become less.” John 3:30 (NIV)

“But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit. ... We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual... a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.” Romans 7:6, 14-15

“Do not quench the Spirit.” 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (ESV)

“...through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free... For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering...” Romans 8:2-3 (NIV)

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 (NIV)