

**OPERATING IN DOMINION BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART 1)**

Life Connecting Teams ~ May 2025  
New Covenant Church of Philadelphia

*You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.*

**Psalm 8:6 NKJV**

**OBJECTIVE:** To enhance our understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in Kingdom dominion.

**INTRODUCTION:** The subject of the Holy Spirit is inexhaustible! The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and is Almighty God. Our pastors have provided profound teachings on walking in dominion. This lesson aims to make what we have learned applicable to our daily lives as believers. Without the Holy Spirit, it is impossible to walk in Kingdom dominion or fully understand Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and triumphant resurrection.

**LESSON:** The Bible defines the Holy Spirit and establishes the principle of humanity's dominion. **Genesis 1:2 NIV** says, *"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters"*, (the Hebrew word *Spirit* here is *Ruach* often translated spirit, wind, or breath). The Spirit of God is indeed the Holy Spirit, a person of the Trinity.

**Pastor Oliver** preached about having dominion in December 2024, stating, "the first thing God wants His children to have is dominion." In 2025 his message has focused on "Pressing into the Kingdom". We also learned a new term, ***Imago Dei***, which comes from the Latin version of the Bible, translated to English as the ***"image of God"***. The phrase has its origins in **Genesis 1:27**, wherein *"God created man in his own image..."* This biblical passage does not imply that God is in human form, but that humans are in the image of God in their moral, spiritual, and intellectual essence. Therefore, **humans reflect God's divine nature in their ability to achieve the unique characteristics with which they have been endowed by the Holy Spirit. Turning to the Holy Spirit for guidance ensures that we're walking the right path, aligning with God's plans for our lives.** *"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"* **Isaiah 30:21 NIV.**

**Pastor Omar Barlow** taught us that we are representatives of Christ and have the nature of God in us. We must have a kingdom mindset to walk in dominion. **Pastor Andrew Grannum** taught us "we cannot get Christ's perspective without Christ's presence." Having God's perspective (seeing things as God sees them) is vital in our ability to take dominion. **Isaiah 55:8 NKJV**, *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.*

*"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thoughts from afar off"*. **Psalm 139:1 NKJV**

God sees His entire creation in its place in the universe: His perspective is unbounded by time or place. He knows our circumstances, trials and failings. He longs to have a relationship with us so that we might know Him. In Psalm 139 David tells us that because God is everywhere, unbounded by place, there is nowhere David can flee from His presence. Clearly, God's perspective is beyond our limited understanding, for He alone can see the world in its entirety, past, present and future. A God perspective helps us see the big picture. A God perspective can take what is in our hands and have us living beyond our natural ability and capacity.

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Discuss: How the following disciplines in our daily lives enlighten our ability and courage to take dominion: prayer, meditation in the Word, Seeking the Presence of God, seeking direction of the Holy Spirit?

We'll cover four topics to enhance our understanding of the Holy Spirit and Kingdom dominion. It's crucial to grasp the Holy Spirit's role in a Christian's life.

Here are four attributes among many the Holy Spirit accomplishes in a Christian's life. Take time to discuss and share your insights.

1. **He indwells us.** *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?* **1 Corinthians 6:19 NIV**
  - a. **When we surrender our lives to God, our physical body becomes the temple of God, and the Holy Spirit dwells within us for the rest of our natural lives.** Holy Spirit's endowment in us and on us enables us to operate in dominion.
2. **He teaches and reminds us.** *"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."* **John 14:26 NIV**
  - a. **When we read the Bible with the Holy Spirit within us, it becomes easier to comprehend.** He opens our eyes and teaches us through Scripture, reminding us later of God's words. The more we read and study God's word, the better we understand how to live a life of dominion.
3. **He encourages us.** *Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.* **Acts 9:31 NIV**
  - a. **We still face problems as Christians, but the Holy Spirit is always with us, encouraging us to trust in God through all things.**
4. **He guides us.** *The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.* **Acts 13:4 NIV**
  - a. **As we grow spiritually, we'll have more insight into the guidance of the Holy Spirit.** He nudges us in the direction we should go in our lives and helps us make complex decisions.

**Remember in Prayer**

- Bishop Grannum; Pastor Bob Oliver & Lady Denise; Pastor Omar Barlow & Sis. Jeneen; Pastor Andrew Grannum and Sis. Chevas; Pastor Wangui and their families.
- Ministers, Deacons, and Heads of Ministries; NCCOP Staff and Volunteers
- Growth in participation of NCCOP Prayer Ministries
- The sick and shut-in; those who have experienced the passing of a loved one.

**Resource:** Dr. Charles F. Stanley, *Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit*, Thomas Nelson, Inc. Publishers, 2005

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