

Powered By Jesus:

Living the Abundant Spirit-Filled Life

Part 17: “Jesus Works With Us”



Mark 16:9-20

When Jesus’ disciples failed to immediately believe his resurrection, he rebuked them for their “stubborn refusal to believe” (Mark 16:14). To Jesus, faith is a deliberate choice. When we make the decision to unconditionally believe His Word, God is able to empower us for mighty works in His name. We will be able to fulfill the mission He has given us to spread the good news about Jesus because Jesus will “work with” us as Mark 16:20 reveals. We are called to step up into a wholehearted faith and to commit to working with him as He works with us. The results will be supernatural; lives will be changed.

So What? What am I supposed to DO with this?

- Step up to Jesus: *Follow him wholeheartedly and get to work!*
- Choose to fully believe: *Respond with chosen faith and leverage the Word in full, unconditional faith.*

New Series: “Knowing God” Each day this week, Monday through Friday, give six minutes to the scriptures below, and six minutes to pray and listen to God. Join our **Daily Six** video series each morning as we read from these verses: <https://www.youtube.com/@mounthopechurch1651>

Monday, April 28 – “How Does God Speak?”

Read slowly and carefully Hebrews 1:1-4

Does the invisibility of God bother you? How do you relate with an unseen God? Have you ever experienced God relating and speaking with you?

God has been speaking in various ways throughout time—first through the patriarchs of Israel and then through the prophets. These writers of the Old Testament revealed the progression of the invisible God revealing Himself to us. But it was all building towards a new and final way that God would speak to us through Jesus, who is the exact reflection of God’s identity. If we want to know God, we have to know Jesus and see the *whole* narrative of Jesus, revealed in both Old and New Testaments.

Tuesday, April 29 – “Jesus is Our Creator”

Read slowly and carefully Hebrews 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:15-17

Are you keenly aware of how you have been made in God’s image—that you look, feel, think, react, and desire as He does? How do we steward that identity well?

If Jesus is the “*image of the invisible God*,” as Colossians 1:15 tells us, then to know Jesus is to know God. Everything that exists comes from Jesus, through Jesus, and by Jesus. As we are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), we too are made in the image of Jesus. To learn who God is by learning who Jesus is—including how Jesus is revealed throughout the Old Testament—is to learn how to steward well this identity we have been given: to become like Jesus who is formed within us.

Wednesday, April 23 – “God Has Placed Us in His Family”

Read slowly and carefully Genesis 1:1-27

If we are designed by God to have His qualities within us (the image of God) and to steward that well, how do we that translate into our human relationships?

As God made the universe, the sun and stars, the earth, the plants, the animals, it all culminated in the making of man and woman in His image. To create humans to be like Him, that creation would be incomplete if man was alone. God is a community of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To be made in His image is to be placed in a community of fellowship with one another. Aloneness is not like God. To live in togetherness in the community of believers and in our families is the design and image of God in us.

Thursday, April 24 – “We Thoroughly Messed This Up”

Read slowly and carefully Genesis 2:7-25 and 3:1-7

To live in God’s image means to live according to how He designed us. Where do you believe that has been messed in your life and why?

The serpent (the devil) tempted Adam and Eve to embrace both good and evil into their lives and understanding. Their original togetherness was free of shame and distance from one another. Once they chose to experience evil by taking of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, the freedom and shamelessness of the image of God in them was corrupted. We have all experienced this same thing and therefore need to seek God’s help. We must learn God’s correction and cure to our crisis of sin.

Friday, April 25 – “God Will Fix Everything”

Read slowly and carefully Genesis 3:14-19 and Colossians 2:13-15

What has God done to rescue you from sin and brokenness? Do you live with the beauty of Jesus standing in place of our sins as the center of your daily thinking?

After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, many consequences were discovered. They would suffer much toil, frustration, and hardship in their lives and relationships—not as a punishment, but as a reality of evil being part of their new identity. But the greatest consequence explained in Genesis 3 was not for man. It was for the devil, who would be defeated by the offspring of the woman—Jesus Christ. From the very beginning of our sin problem, God has been solving it through Jesus.