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10 Reasons It's Better to Have the Holy Spirit!



One of the most amazing statements in all the Bible comes from the book of John, chapter sixteen. In this chapter, Jesus' disciples were filled with sorrow because He told them He was leaving them. Most people today would feel the same way these disciples felt. What could possibly compare to having Jesus with you? Yet, Jesus said to them in John 16:7:

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Jesus shocked them with these words because He was saying that having the Holy Spirit with

them was better than having Him there with them in His physical body. How could that be? Most Christians would prefer to have Jesus with them just as He was with the disciples.

Of course, what Jesus said was absolutely true. We have to defer to the Lord's wisdom that it's better to have the Holy Spirit with and in us than to have Jesus in His physical body. But it certainly doesn't seem like that would be true. **Obviously, we don't understand and value the ministry of the Holy Spirit as Jesus does.**

The Lord has given me ten reasons that the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is more advantageous than the physical presence of Jesus in His earthly body. Understanding this will

hopefully bring us into agreement with Jesus that the present-day ministry of the Holy Spirit is actually better than the limited ministry of Jesus when He was physically present on the earth.

#1 The first reason is that having the Holy Spirit in us spreads God's power to a greater extent.

While on earth, Jesus was limited by His physical body. He could only be in one place at a time, and therefore, He was not always with everyone who believed in Him. But as He was ascending back into heaven, He promised He would be with us to the end of the world (Matt. 28:20).

Now Jesus is constantly with each believer. He will never leave or forsake even one true Christian (Heb. 13:5).

When a person is born again, Jesus comes and lives inside them. Galatians 4:6 says, "God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

Some Christians have a hard time believing this because they can't see or feel Jesus inside them. But Paul said in Romans 8:9, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Therefore, this is reality whether a person believes it or not. But in order to benefit fully from this truth, we must believe. We have to believe in order to receive (Heb. 4:2).

On the Resurrection morning, two of Jesus' disciples were walking to Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem (Luke 24:13-32). They had heard reports that Jesus was raised from the dead, but they struggled to believe it. That's why they were sad.

As they walked, the resurrected Jesus joined them and explained to them from Scripture how He had to die and be resurrected on the third day. They were walking and talking with Jesus and yet didn't recognize Him. It wasn't until they were breaking bread with Him that they realized who He really was (Luke 24:30-31).

If that could happen then, it's even more so now that we can't see Him. And likewise, it is only through fellowship with the risen Lord that we realize His presence with us now. The reality is that since the Resurrection, it's possible to have Jesus with us in our spirits all the time, rather than His presence being limited to a physical experience.

#2 The second reason is that when we make Jesus our Lord and receive salvation, we are born again with an absolutely perfect spirit man living inside us.

There are three times in Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus where Jesus expounded this truth. John 3:5-8 says,

Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the one who brings this new birth that Jesus speaks of to pass. This couldn't happen while Jesus was on the earth before His death and Resurrection. At salvation, the Holy Spirit seals us so that when a Christian sins, it doesn't penetrate the seal and contaminate our born-again spirit. Our spirits have eternal redemption (Heb. 9:12), eternal salvation (Heb. 9:15), and are sanctified (Heb. 10:10) and perfected forever (Heb. 10:14) because of the preserving power of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!

I wish I had the space to explain all ten reasons why it's better to have the Holy Spirit in us rather than to have Jesus physically present with us. I guarantee the full teaching would encourage you and be a blessing to you. I tell you, we just weren't meant to get through this life without the Holy Spirit. To order the full teaching on *10 Reasons It's Better to Have the Holy Spirit*, visit awmi.net/TenReasons or call my Helpline at **719-635-1111**, or just fill out and return the enclosed form.

We love you,

Andrew and Jamie

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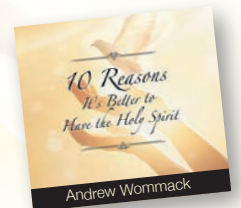
What could possibly compare to having Jesus physically with you? The ministry of the Holy Spirit!

In Andrew's new teaching *10 Reasons It's Better to Have the Holy Spirit*, discover the ten reasons why having Jesus send the Holy Spirit to be with us is better than having Jesus present in His physical body. This teaching is available as a CD series, as-seen-on-TV DVD series, and as a Booklet.

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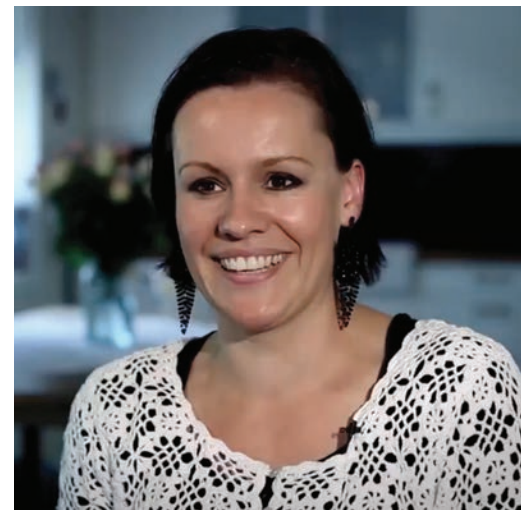
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CD Series



DVD Series



How different would your life be if you knew without a shadow of a doubt that Jesus had already provided your healing?

With only 10 percent vision in one eye and 15 percent in the other, Bianca Vlastuin was almost blind. She had been diagnosed with rod-cone dystrophy, a rare and incurable eye disease that often leads to blindness. At that time, Bianca and her family attended the same church in Hamar, Norway, as Robert and Elizabeth Muren, who are now the directors of AWM's artistic productions.

Bianca was drawn to Elizabeth's Christ-centered confidence and wanted to know what her secret was. Elizabeth told her about Andrew Wommack and how his teachings had changed her life. She encouraged Bianca to visit awmi.net and listen to Andrew's teachings.

The first teaching Bianca and her husband, Gert, heard was *Spirit, Soul & Body*. "It was a big revelation. And it totally changed our minds and our lives," she says. She and Gert listened to many of Andrew's other teachings as well, including *God Wants You Well* and *You've Already Got It*. "We heard so many new things," Gert adds. "We heard that God has already done everything [we need]."

Bianca then realized that she did not need to have rod-cone dystrophy. She posted scriptures throughout their house to help keep her mind on everything Jesus had already provided.

One day, Andrew's revelation of healing fully became hers. "I was sitting and reading the Bible. Then I realized that what I have [in Jesus] is so

amazing. And I started to praise God for it. **I thanked Him for everything He's done, that He didn't need to do anything to heal me, and that He already did it at the cross.**"

Bianca then started speaking to her eyes, as she'd learned from Andrew. She said, "Eyes, you were healed in the name of Jesus, so you must see now!" Her vision fluctuated. But she continued praising God for her healing and speaking to her eyes until she could see clearly.

Thrilled with the realization that she would now be able to see Gert, she drove to his office and shared the good news with him. They were both elated. The devil tried to steal her healing a couple of times after, but she would shout, "No! . . . I am healed, so eyes, you must see in Jesus' name." Her vision is now perfect!

To help others learn the truth of the Gospel, Bianca and Gert started sharing Andrew's teachings with their church on Tuesdays. They also shared Andrew's teachings with a struggling young lady who was staying with them. She got born again within three weeks and enrolled at Charis Belfast shortly after.

Additionally, while watching Andrew's program, Bianca and Gert were inspired to start a ministry to help young women choose life instead of abortion.

The Vlastuins' lives have been forever changed because of their encounter with the true Gospel. Thank you, partners, for making this possible! Go to awmi.net/BiancaVlastuin to watch Bianca's full healing journey.

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Testimonials From Our 2022 Ministers Conference Uganda

First and foremost, we want to thank you, our dear partners, for making the gospel reach as far and deep as possible, through the recently concluded ministers' conference. We are sincerely grateful.

In this month's edition of our newsletter, we decided to share with you a few more testimonies that we captured from participants of the conference.

We will include a link to Andrew's teaching to pastors. This can also be found on our YouTube channel AWMCHARIS UGANDA and in the link below. Also, if you were part of the conference, you can still re-listen to the teachings and be refreshed.

"Your Intake Determines Your Output" – Pastor Bukenya John– Youth Pastor

I've been so blessed by the ministers' conference. I have read the bible, but I've been so blessed and propelled to read it more than never because I've learnt in this conference **that the intake determines the output.**

I have also learnt to be calm and to have humility just like the Bishop shared. He became associated with Andrew Wommack Ministries because of the humility Andrew Wommack displays in his ministry. I've been so blessed, and I have not wasted my time in attending this conference. I want to encourage people to join Charis Bible College. My wife is a student of Charis, and I am also joining soon. We love you Andrew Wommack for all the good work you are doing, of sharing the love of God. The love of Jesus is just flowing into us. I have also learnt that God has given us everything, but it is hidden in the word. I have to read the word of God so much that I can see what is hidden in there and enjoy it as a child of God. Thank you very much.

...The Word Came with Freshness – Pastor Robert (Alumnus of Charis Bible College).

The way Andrew taught the word about the integrity of the word, even though I have heard him teach on this as a student of Charis Bible College which I was. The freshness at which the word came at this time to refresh the pastors in Uganda has been so profound.

I've heard him share the same principles but this time I believe God has given him a special anointing for the conference. There were a lot of things I heard him share which I've never heard him share before. I felt so refreshed to go deeper into the word of God especially when he shared that everything is in the word. Once you take in the word inside your heart, it will bear fruits without you even tampering with it. I really thank God for Andrew's life, for being so focused, guiding us. In this ministers' conference we are refreshed and rejuvenated. Also, one of the highlights especially from Pastor Isaac the Regional Director was the point of Jesus serving us. I've been in minister for over 20 years now and I've never heard that. I'd always known that we must serve Jesus and not Jesus serving us. The scripture of the son of man came to serve... came out clearly to me. If we surrender our lives and allow Christ to serve us, we will be able to serve people from the overflow. This was so tremendous that it gave me a certain kind of freedom that I cannot explain. As I allow Jesus to serve me, I learn from him by sitting at His feet, then others can get from what I learnt from the conference. Thank you very Andrew. May you continue to impact Uganda and Africa.

"I Have Come to Discover the Balance between Grace and Faith"

– Pastor Joseph Ntale (Commissioned to Love Church). I thank God for this conference. I am a 2nd year student at Charis Bible College and I'm hoping to do 3rd year as well. Andrew Wommack Ministries has already blessed my life. I thought I knew God, but I didn't know God. I used to preach Him but as I joined Charis Bible College, I came to understand who God is. My teachings changed. In our church I was preaching the law. I taught people the law, but I wasn't doing the law. But I thank God that through Andrew Wommack Ministries and Charis Bible College, I have come to discover the balance between grace and faith.

"I am going Back to do Ministry in a Greater Level"

Pastor Waiswa Michael (Jinja). According to the messages we received, this conference is an unforgettable experience in Uganda. As a pastor, I lead different discipleship centers in Jinja but there is a lot of knowledge I have gained from this conference to use to minister to others. These have to do with how to lead a church. Today my eyes are opened on how I can reach out to the pastors in Jinja about the great love of God towards them. Also, I learnt from the conference on how to lead as an example in the body of Christ, to those we are leading and how we can be responsible to our family. Because of this knowledge I've gotten I am going back to do ministry in a greater level.

Andrew's Teaching



Unforgiveness: A Scheme of Satan



By Paul Milligan

Paul Milligan has over thirty-five years of experience in the corporate world and twenty-eight years in building his own companies. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Andrew Wommack Ministries/Charis Bible College since 2003 and served as CEO for several years. Paul teaches in the Charis Third-Year Business School and is a frequent guest speaker at Charis conferences and events. He and his wife, Patsy, have been married for forty-four years and have three children and nine grandchildren.

We know from Scripture that Satan has schemes (2 Cor. 2:11, *New American Standard Bible*). A scheme is a well-designed, well-thought-out plan to destroy you. Unfortunately, Christians can get caught up in the enemy's schemes. One scheme that traps many people is unforgiveness, and that's what I want to focus on. Forgiveness is commanded by God. Matthew 18:21–22 says,

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Jesus was not saying to stop forgiving after 490 times, but to **always forgive**. Jesus goes on in Matthew 18:23–35 to tell the parable of a servant who is forgiven of his debt by his master, yet he has no compassion to forgive those who owe him. Jesus said the unforgiving servant would be delivered unto tormenters, and the same will be done to us if we don't forgive. God releases you to the consequences of your sin.

When you don't forgive others, Satan has a legal right to be in your life, and he'll bring things you don't want. Unforgiveness invites Satan into our lives to torment us. The enemy will help you make the case against the person who offended you. People will fight for

their right to be offended, yet it tortures them.

We forgive because Jesus forgave us. People will hurt you, but there is no justification for unforgiveness. You may wonder how to truly forgive someone after they've hurt you. The answer is to separate your soul from your spirit. The real problem is your unrenewed mind. When offense comes, we're not prepared to stand against it.

Too many people default to responding out of their souls. The only part of you that is renewed when you're born again is your spirit. You forgive someone by making the choice to forgive, not by how you feel. Matthew 26:41 tells us that the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. You need to use the part of you that is willing—your born-again spirit—to make the choice to forgive. Though you've suffered and been hurt, **when you practice forgiveness, in time you will be strengthened, settled, and established** (1 Pet. 5:10).

God's grace will do amazing things in your life. Don't get caught up in Satan's scheme of unforgiveness. Make the decision through your born-again spirit to forgive, and you will be blessed.



Stories shape culture. If Christians aren't part of creating art and media, then we are letting someone else define the values that the world will adhere to—and they won't be God's. That is why the Charis Bible College Film and Production School is so focused on training creators to present the Gospel through writing, acting, music, and more. When skilled creators take and share stories founded in the Word, they can change the world.

Robert and Elizabeth Muren, the directors of our Film and Production School, have brought their passion for storytelling to the students and are equipping them with the skills to make their own visions a reality. While immersed in the biblical teaching that Charis is famous for, students gain practical knowledge on how to use cameras, lighting, recording tools, and even stage makeup. Students get to practice these newly-acquired skills by working on Charis theater productions, such as *David: The King of Jerusalem*, *God with Us*, and more. Robert and Elizabeth are a guiding force for the school and help channel the abundance of creativity into new and interesting productions and media.

Part of what makes this program different is that when a student joins the program, it is because they are called. Learning these skills and being a part of these productions isn't about the individual, but about becoming a part of sharing the message—the Gospel—through artistic mediums. Students are trained to create art with the Word at the center and

show the world what it means to create media that glorifies God.

Robert and Elizabeth believe their main mission is to change the hearts of their students. "Everything comes from the heart. Getting [our students] passionate . . . is one of the main [goals]," Elizabeth says. Students are encouraged to believe in the vision they've been given and put to use what they have learned. As their confidence and knowledge grow, so do the possibilities for their outreach.

Thank you, friends and partners! You are helping make a difference in the lives of our students and in the realm of entertainment. Together, we can change the world one story at a time.

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JULY

***In God We Trust* Performance**
 July 3-4 • Woodland Park, CO

Summer Family Bible Conference
 July 5-8 • Woodland Park, CO
 Special Guests • E.W. Jackson, Jim Baker, and More

Living Word Church
 July 30-31 • Brooklyn Park, MN

AUGUST

Healing Is Here
 August 9-12 • Woodland Park, CO
 Special Guests • Richard Roberts, Audrey Mack, and More

SEPTEMBER

Truth & Liberty Coalition Conference
 September 8-10 • Woodland Park, CO
 Special Guests • Rep. Doug Lamborn, Rep. Lauren Boebert, David Barton, Lance Wallnau, Bill Federer, Mario Murillo, Eric Metaxas, Bishop E.W. Jackson, Pastor Rob McCoy, Janet Porter, and Richard Harris

Grace Encounters Conference
 September 22-24 • Woodland Park, CO
 Special Guest • Pastor Duane Sheriff

OCTOBER

Ministers Conference
 October 3-7 • Woodland Park, CO
 Special Guests • Mario Murillo, Bob Yandian, Duane Sheriff, Billy Epperhart, Mike & Carrie Pickett, and Greg Mohr

NOVEMBER

Women Arise Conference
 November 3-5 • Woodland Park, CO
 Special Guests • Terri Savelle Foy, Carrie Pickett, Audrey Mack, and More

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