

# Greater

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (ESV) But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— <sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

“Deep” is not a place we visit in our search for God, it’s what happens to us when we find him. -  
Charles Haddon Spurgeon

- Deep is the dwelling place of God
- Deep reveals the reality of God and in those depths of real inwardness lies the treasure of God’s Spirit

1 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV) <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?

God’s Spirit dwells in you!

"You have something inside of you greater than a vote every 4 years."

Pastor Ron Kairdolf

Jesus said “it is to your advantage” that He go away;

“I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper (which is the spirit of God) will not come to you.” John 16:7

And because of that truth:

The Spirit of God in us makes LIFE GREATER because

## 1) It is a Guarantee of LIFE.

Romans 8:11 (ESV) — 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give LIFE to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Jesus said I came that you might have life and have it, more abundantly!

We have a LIFE in this LIFE with the promise of eternal LIFE.

## 2) It Assures us that we belong to God.

Romans 8:14–16 (ESV) — 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Paul said “I want you to realize what a rich and glorious inheritance he has given to his people” Eph 1:18

- His family name is above all other names
- His family likeness is more beautiful than all other likenesses
- His family privileges are too numerous to name and
- Intimate access in the family of God is access to the creator of ALL!

## 3) It brings Wisdom and Insight into our lives.

Acts 4:13 (ESV) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

God’s truth is revealed to us by His Spirit.

## 4) It gives us Strength & Power.

Ephesians 3:16 (ESV) — 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be Strengthened with Power through his Spirit in your inner being,

The Spirit of God that is in you also knows you, He knows what you can handle and what you cannot. He knows how much strength and power you have for the assignment’s He has for you.

You are powerful and wise.

## 5) It brings out the Fruit.

Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) — 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Instead of Hate, there is LOVE, Instead of Misery there is Joy, Instead of War, there is PEACE, Instead of Impatience, there is PATIENCE, Instead of Cruelty, there is KINDNESS, Instead of Badness – there is GOODNESS, Instead of Disloyalty, there is FAITHFULNESS, Instead of Harshness, there is GENTLENESS, Instead of Self-indulgence, there is SELF\_CONTROL.

Paul's encouragement to Timothy:

2 Timothy 1:6 - For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,

3 LIFE practices that are a must for fanning the flame into a blaze

1) Prayer - Prayer is pivotal and essential. Prayer is meant to line us up in His will and with His empowerment.

2) Prepare - The Bible is the only source of divine authority. It will inform you of God's mind and will for your life.

3) Praise: Live a Life of Worship.