

Gaze 8: Beholding God through Impartation

I. We need a revelation of what God has already given us.

A. The same spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you. Rom 8:11

B. Paul's prayer constantly was that we would receive the Spirit of revelation. Eph 1:16-23

1. One of the Holy Spirit's primary purposes is to show us what we've already been given. He's the tour guide of heaven. 1 Cor 2:12

C. This process of gaining more and more revelation of what grace has already provided is called mind renewal. Rom 12:2

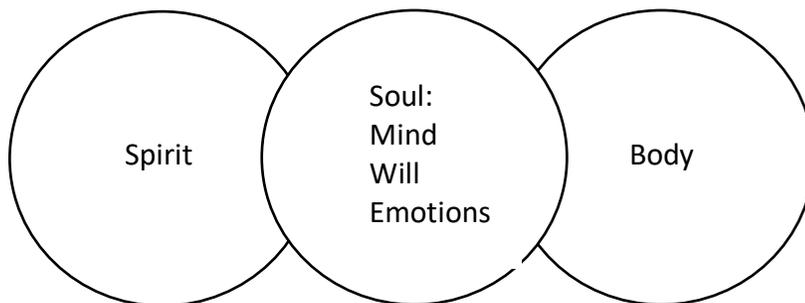
1. Mind renewal is not just filling our minds with facts, it's the rewiring of our mind, will, and emotions into the image of Christ.

2. I want to think how He thinks, feel what He feels, and want what He wants.

D. The anointing (presence and grace) of God in you is constant and doesn't change. 1 John 2:27

E. What's coming out of you waxes and wanes.

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F. Our bodies and spirits are constantly feeding our souls information.

G. Negative thought patterns, negative emotions, and wrong choices can hinder the flow of what is in me to the outside.

H. Conversely, as I learn to think like God, feel like God, and make decisions like God, the power of God that is always latent inside me can come out more and more.

II. How do I gain this revelation? 2 Cor 3:18

A. My mind, will, and emotions are changed in moments of encounter with God--in big ways and small ways.

B. Throughout scripture, people who accomplished a lot had moments of radical encounter with God, because this was necessary to rewire their hearts. Paul—Damascus. Isaiah 6.

III. These kinds of encounters are often called being “filled with the Spirit.” These accomplish a lot, but one of the main things is they rewire our hearts and change our expectations.

A. I’ve prayed for things before and honestly didn’t expect much to happen. As I’ve seen God move and touch people, and had my own encounters with God, my expectations have changed.

IV. People can help us learn to access what’s in us through impartation. This is just the laying on of hands to fill people with the Spirit. Acts 19:6

A. Don’t stress about laying hands on people “suddenly.” (1 Tim 5:22). This is talking about not hastily putting people in leadership roles. It’s a separate issue from what I’m talking about today.

B. This can happen more than once. Acts 4:31

C. Hot tub analogy

V. How do I receive an impartation?

A. Want one

B. Reach out in faith for it

1. What this means practically is that you want to come forward and receive prayer, and expect something to happen.

C. Focus and yield

D. Set your heart that you’ll take what you receive and use it for God

E. Calm down

F. Don’t be offended

G. Don’t pray when you’re being prayed for