

I. Introduction: The Holy Spirit in the Life of a Christian (2:9-16)

Mediator of God's Revelation

Superintendent of the Bible's Inspiration

Enabler for the Believer's Illumination

II. The Pitfalls of Defective Loyalties

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? vv. 1-4

The invisible cause is the _____ .

The visible effects are the _____ .

III. The Principles for Effective Leadership

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. vv. 5-9

1. Even the most _____ of leaders are really only servants with delegated roles.

2. The Gospel ministry is a _____ endeavor.

3. Effective _____ should always be attributed to the work of God.

4. While ministry is a cooperative venture, everyone will be rewarded _____ .

5. The sole _____ of the ministry enterprise is God Himself.

In what work does God want me to join Him?

What fruit does God want to produce in me?

***What is the next stage of development
God has designed for me?***

UNDIVIDED

DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. In what ways does the faithful Christian life become more demanding and difficult as you become older, compared to when you were first saved? Why is this so?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. Paul sensed that it would take a while for the believers in Corinth to grow to full maturity in Christ. How does Paul say that he approached them, and why did he have to do it that way?

3. Have you seen any fruit in your life over the last few months that helps build up God's church in some way? Have any of your actions done the opposite?

4. Read Galatians 5:16-26. Contrast the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit listed here. Which do you see in yourself?

5. In what practical ways does a Christ follower "keep in step with the Spirit"?

6. How do you tend to allow your flesh to take over when obedience to God's Word or the sacrifices of walking with Christ become difficult? What will strengthen your resolve to choose to walk in the Spirit?

"It is not difficult to determine a believer's spiritual maturity, or immaturity, if you discover what kind of 'diet' he enjoys. The immature believer knows the facts about our Lord's life and ministry on earth, but not the truths about His present ministry in heaven. He lives on Bible 'stories' and not Bible doctrines. ... There is another way to determine maturity: The mature Christian practices love and seeks to get along with others. Children like to disagree and fuss. And children like to identify with heroes."

WARREN WIERSBE

"Immature, fleshly Christians ... are the way they are by their own choices. One of the worst and most disappointing problems the church can have is a congregation full of babes, Christians who are not growing because they seek to fulfill fleshly appetites. ... They had come through the door of faith but had gone no farther. Most of them had received Jesus Christ years earlier but were acting as if they had just been born again. ... Paul had ministered to them for eighteen months, and after that they were pastored by the highly-gifted Apollos. Some of them were acquainted with Peter and others apparently had even heard Jesus preach (1:12). Like the 'babes' of Hebrews 5:13, they had no excuse for not being mature. Yet they were exactly the opposite. ... Their problem was not low IQ or lack of teaching. They were not ignorant of the faith because they were dumb, but because they were fleshly. Because they refused to give up their worldly ways and their carnal desires, they became what James calls forgetful hearers (Jas 1:25). A person who does not use information will lose it; and spiritual truth is no exception. Spiritual truths that we ignore and neglect will become less and less remembered and meaningful (cf. 2 Pet 1:12-13). Nothing causes us to ignore God's truth more than not living it."

JOHN MACARTHUR

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

THE JULY CCBC DATE NIGHT IS READY FOR YOU! Made to equip couples with tools for strengthening their relationship, CCBC Date Nights are fun, intentional ways to spend time together. The July plan is all about hope and includes a comfort food dinner recipe, a walk down memory lane, conversation starters and ideas for praying together. Go ahead and save some time for your next date, then visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events to see the whole July experience.

SIGN UP FOR THE AUGUST CONNECTING POINT CLASS. Are you new to Christ Chapel? Then Connecting Point is where you want to go to start putting down roots and connecting to the Christ Chapel family! The August experience, which begins Sunday, Aug. 1 at 11 a.m., will tell you all about the church and how we're here to help you grow in your faith. Sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/cp.

VIRTUAL KIDSCAMP SETS SAIL ON MONDAY, JULY 26. Did you know we're taking All Aboard KidsCamp 2021 and putting the entire experience online for friends and family to enjoy? It's true, sailor, we are! Whether you'd like to host a KidsCamp in your backyard or share the experience with someone who lives in another state, KidsCamp will be available starting Monday, July 26 at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE! Now that we're all back worshipping on campus, your church needs you! Will you consider worshipping one hour and serving another? There's Children's Ministry, our live video production team that runs the cameras and screens, Parking Posse, Brew Crew, our First Impressions team who welcomes people in and more. Find your place at www.ccbcfamily.org/serve and play a part in what God is doing at Christ Chapel.

STUDENT MINISTRY IS THE PLACE TO BE ALL SUMMER. 5th Grade Ministry, Middle School Ministry and High School Ministry are built on serious truth and packaged in an atmosphere that's fun, inviting and full of memorable experiences. This summer there are all kinds of events, hangouts, Bible studies and chances for your child to connect with friends and leaders who care. Head to www.ccbcfamily.org/students to learn more.

MAKE CHRIST CHAPEL MUSIC A PART OF YOUR DAILY SOUNDTRACK. Did you know Christ Chapel's contemporary worship team has several albums and EPs? There's also an album for kids, plus best-of compilations of KidsCamp tunes! Just search "Christ Chapel Music" wherever you get your music to listen this week.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text "CCBCFW" to 833-422-7200 to get started.

EXERCISE FOR THIS WEEK

Set aside some time to spend alone with the Lord, free of distractions. Be prepared with your journal or a pad of paper to take notes.

Read Romans chapter 8. Those set free from death through Jesus Christ are given a new nature, but the flesh is not removed from us this side of Heaven (Rom 8:18-25). Until then we must resist the ways our flesh and the world tempt us to sin. As you read through this passage, write down:

- any *warnings* the Spirit of God points out to you;
- any *encouragement* He provides;
- any *instructions* He gives you for walking more closely with Him.