

Lesson #6

**LIVING AND WALKING BY THE SPIRIT**

*As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,*

***Colossians 2:6***

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## **ELECTRICITY BECOMES PRACTICAL**

Electricity had been studied for centuries but the practical applications were few. It was not until Michael Faraday invented the electrical motor in 1821 that great progress in electrical engineering began. It is mainly due to Faraday's efforts that electricity became practical.

## **POWER PLANTS, TRANSFORMERS, TRANSMISSION, AND INSTALLATION**

Today most residential and industrial facilities are connected to an electrical generating source. Electricity is usually produced by centralized generating energy plants which are powered by coal, gas, nuclear, water, or geothermal steam. Some electricity is being generated from solar panels and wind turbines. All these are generating sources for electricity.

Much of the electricity initially generated by the power plants has a high wattage and high amperage. This kind of power is not practical for the end user. But from these power plants electricity is transmitted by wire to transformers in local areas. Using transformers, the electricity is stepped down to a current that can be used safely and practically. From the transformers the electricity is carried by more wires to the residential and industrial users' electrical panels. From the panel the electrical current is distributed via smaller wires throughout the house or commercial facilities. To make electricity practical and available on-off switches and plugs are installed in appropriate places.

For the end user—the benefit and enjoyment of electricity is simple. All the work of generation, transmission and installation has been done by others. The end user just needs to switch on or plug in to enjoy all the benefits of electricity. The versatility of electricity allows there to be an almost

limitless set of applications. These include lighting, heating, refrigeration with air conditioning, communications, computation and modern transportation of trains and buses.

## **THE DIVINE POWER PLANT**

Now let us apply the principles to our experience with the “divine electricity” God is like a central generating power plant. But He is too powerful. His “wattage” is too high for man. He as the “divine electricity” is too intense for man to receive. If man were to “plug” directly into God, man would disintegrate. God as the divine power plant is “unapproachable” (1 Tim. 6:16). What would happen to man would be much worse than plugging a lamp with a 110 volt 50 watt light bulb into a 440 volt plug. Zap. Man would vaporize! So there is the need of a “transformer”.

## **THE STEP-DOWN TRANSFORMER**

God realized the problem and embodied Himself in a man. God became a man. He came in a form, in a voltage that man can receive Him. Jesus Christ as a man is the “step-down” transformer of God. Related to God Jesus Christ has all of God's “divine electricity” but to us He is the God transformer. He makes God safely approachable, practical and applicable.

Although the Lord Jesus made God available, He was only with a few people who were alive when He was in the flesh. Only a few near Him had the opportunity to observe and experience this “divine electricity”. But this was not God's intention. God wants to make available and distribute Himself, the “divine electricity” to everyone.

## **MAN CREATED WITH THREE PARTS - MAN'S SPIRIT IS THE PLACE WHERE HE CAN GET PLUGGED INTO GOD**

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### **Verses**

#### **1 Timothy 6:16**

*Who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen nor can see, to whom be honor and eternal might. Amen.*

#### **Genesis 2:7**

*Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.*

#### **Proverbs 20:27**

*The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, / Searching all the innermost parts of the inner being.*

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

*And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### **1 Corinthians 15:45**

*So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam [became] a life-giving Spirit.*

#### **2 Corinthians 3:18**

*But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.*

#### **John 14:20**

*In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.*

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God in His wisdom designed man in such a way that man could be “connected” to God. Man has a spirit where God can be “plugged in” and thus man can be connected to God, the “divine electricity”.

In Genesis God formed man’s body of the dust of the ground. He breathed into man the breath of life and man became a living soul (Gen. 2:7). The word for “breath of life” is the same word used in Proverbs 20:27 for the “spirit of man”. The Bible clearly points out the three parts of our being. “May your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete” (1 Thes. 5:23b). These verses show God made man with three parts—spirit, soul and body showing that man was formed in a special way. Man has a spirit that corresponds to God who is Spirit by which man can “plug into” God and God into him.

### **CHRIST BY HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION IS THE SPIRIT - THE CURRENT OF DIVINE ELECTRICITY**

The Lord from the beginning came to connect man to God. But being in the flesh the Lord Jesus could only be with people outwardly. He kept telling His disciples that He had to go through death and resurrection. It was through His death and resurrection that He could change His form and become the Spirit so He could get into us. “The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit” (1 Cor. 15:45b). “Now the Lord is the Spirit” (2 Cor. 3:18). “In that day [the day of resurrection] you will know that I am in My Father, you in Me, and I in you” (John 14:20). By His death and resurrection the “divine electricity” in Him could be released and could be available to every person.

### **PRACTICALLY – HOW DO WE “PLUG IN” AND “SWITCH ON”?**

The book of Romans, in the Bible, unveils the switch so we can experience the “divine electricity”.

Like physical electricity, Christ as the Spirit is so versatile. The applications of Christ in our lives are unlimited. With this “divine electricity” we can enjoy Christ’s excellent human virtues which include His supreme love, forgiveness, patience, humility, kindness and endurance. With this “divine electricity”

comes the effectiveness of Christ’s death. Self-pity can be killed by Christ’s death contained in the “heavenly electricity”. With this “electricity” we get the heavenly “air conditioning” that cools us down when we have a “hot” temper. We can enjoy the power of His resurrection life. This “divine electricity” is the mighty power to raise us up inwardly above all kinds of inward conditions such as depression, anxiety, emptiness, and restlessness. All these needs and more are met by “plugging into” and “switching on” this wonderful “divine electricity”.

Let us see what is said about the “switch” and how to use it. “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation....for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him; For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom. 10:9-10, 12-13).

This is the switch for us to experience Christ as the “divine electricity” with all His riches as revealed in the Bible. We have a spirit and the Lord is now the Spirit. When we open to the Lord and receive Him, we get “plugged in” to God. We become regenerated. Christ comes into our spirit and we become one spirit with Him. To get “plugged into” God and to “switch on” we can call on the Lord Jesus at any time and in any place.

But due to tradition, especially religion, the fact that man can be plugged into God has been lost. The early Christians called on the Lord, vocally, out loud in every place. “With all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place” (1 Cor. 1:2b). It was the outstanding feature of those who were Christians. Even those who persecuted Christians listened for those who called on the Lord. This was how they knew who they should arrest. This is how the religious persecutors distinguished the Christians from the unbelievers. The spiritually dead religionist hated that there were some who were “electrified” with God. “And here he [Saul] has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon Your name [the Lord Jesus]....Is this not the one who ravaged

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### **Romans 10:9-10, 12-13**

*9 That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;*

*10 For with the heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation.*

*12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord [is] [Lord] of all [and] rich to all who call upon Him;*

*13 For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

### **1 Corinthians 1:2**

*To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, [who is] theirs and ours:*

### **Acts 9:14, 21**

*14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon Your name.*

*21 And all who heard [him] were amazed and said, Is this not the one who ravaged those who call upon this name in Jerusalem and came here for this, that he might bring them bound before the chief priests?*

### **2 Timothy 2:22**

*But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

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those who call upon this name in Jerusalem and came here for this, that he might bring them bound before the chief priests” (Act. 9:14, 21b).

If you have never been connected to God now is the time. Because He is the Spirit He is always available. Here is a simple prayer to get connected.

“Lord Jesus, thank You for becoming a man that I could be connected to God. Thank You for passing through death and resurrection so that You could become available and practical. Lord Jesus I open to You. Lord Jesus, come in and join Yourself to my spirit. Put me in the “divine circuit”.

Practice all the time to call on the Lord, “switch on” your spirit and enjoy the unsearchable riches of Christ Who is the Spirit who is one with your spirit. We should not let religion, tradition, culture or even our own self-consciousness cheat you from calling on the Lord and let Him “electrify” you with God. Pursue Christ with those who call on the Lord. “Pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Tim. 2:22b).