

Breathe: The Power of God's Spirit

The Concern:

Our relationship with our spouse, kids, parents, relatives, and others may seem lifeless. Our Christian walk may seem lifeless. Life in general may seem lifeless. How can these lifeless parts of our lives come back to life?

Biblical Truths

Adam's _____ came to life after God breathed into his nostrils _____ and after that God placed Adam _____.

Genesis 2:7-8 (CSB) – ⁷ Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being. ⁸ The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he placed the man he had formed.

Jesus died on a cross and his _____ was buried _____ and on the third day of Jesus' death God's _____ resurrected Jesus' lifeless body.

John 19:41-42 (ESV) – ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Romans 1:3-4 (NLT) – ³ The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line, ⁴ and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Breath (Spirit) of God gave _____ to the Apostles and disciples on the Day of Pentecost.

John 20:21-22 (NIV) – ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-4 (YLT) – ¹ And in the day of the Pentecost being fulfilled, they were all with one accord at the same place, ² and there came suddenly out of the heaven a sound as of a bearing violent breath, and it filled all the house where they were sitting, ³ and there appeared to them divided tongues, as it were of fire; it sat also upon each one of them, ⁴ and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, according as the Spirit was giving them to declare.

John 14:26 (ESV) – ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 15:26 (TLV) – ²⁶ "When the Helper comes—whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—He will testify about Me. ²⁷ And you also testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning."

Biblical Application

People are spiritually dead because of sin but are given _____ through the Breath (Spirit) of God when we believe in Christ.

Colossians 2:12-13 (NCV) – ¹² When you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and you were raised up with him through your faith in God's power that was shown when he raised Christ from the dead. ¹³ When you were spiritually dead because of your sins and because you were not free from the power of your sinful self, God made you alive with Christ, and he forgave all our sins.

John 3:5-6 (NCV) – ⁵ But Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born from water and the Spirit, you cannot enter God's kingdom. ⁶ Human life comes from human parents, but spiritual life comes from the Spirit.

John 6:63 (NIV) – *The Spirit gives life.*

Titus 3:5 (GNT) – *He saved us . . . through the Holy Spirit, who gives us new birth and new life by washing us.*

When Christ returns, He will speak a word or words and the Breath (Spirit) of God will give _____ to the dead bodies of believers.

John 5:28-29 (HCSB) – ²⁸ *Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of judgment.*

Romans 8:11 (HCSB) – ¹¹ *And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then He who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through His Spirit who lives in you.*

To live a godly life and have better relationships, we must _____ the Breath (Spirit) of God.

Galatians 5:16-26 (NIRV) – ¹⁶ *So I say, live by the Holy Spirit's power. Then you will not do what your desires controlled by sin want you to do. ¹⁷ The desires controlled by sin do not want what the Spirit delights in. And the Spirit does not want what the desires controlled by sin delight in. The two are at war with each other. That's why you are not supposed to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the authority of the law. ¹⁹ The result of sin's control in our lives is clear. It includes sexual sins, impure acts and wild living. ²⁰ It includes worshiping statues of gods and worshiping evil powers. It also includes hatred and fighting, jealousy and fits of anger. Sinful desire is interested only in getting ahead. It stirs up trouble. It separates people into their own little groups. ²¹ It wants what others have. It gets drunk and takes part in wild parties. It does many things of that kind. I warn you now as I did before. People who live like this will not receive God's kingdom. ²² But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful ²³ and gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed their sinful desires to his cross. They don't want these things anymore. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become proud. Let us not make each other angry. Let us not want what belongs to others.*