

# Channels of Grace - study 2

## 1.The word 2.The Spirit 3.The message and 4.The messenger.

### Gods Kingdom breaks into our lives with the Spirits power

**1 Cor 4 v 20** *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of **power**.*

**1 Cor 2 v 4** *My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's **power**,*

**1 Cor 2 v 5** *so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's **power**.*

**Rom 5 v 19** *by **the power of signs and wonders**, through **the power of the Spirit of God**.  
So from Jerusalem all **the way** around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed **the gospel of Christ**.*

### 1.The Word

#### The Word spread and grew

**Acts 12:24** But the **word** of God continued to spread and flourish.

**Acts 13:49** The **word** of the Lord spread through the whole region.

**Acts 19:20** In this way the **word** of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

- The word rooted in us
  - My victories! Bring Confidence & Authority
  - God honours His word
  - Presence rides on words from the Father
  - The need to Speak out his word
- Replacing lies with Truth

### 2.The Spirit

#### Gods Power in us

**Eph 3 v 20** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his **power that is at work within us**,

**Col 1 v 29** To this end I strenuously contend with all **the energy Christ so powerfully works in me**.

#### Power from within Jesus

**Mark 5 v 30** At once Jesus realized that **power** had gone out from him.

**Luke 6 v 19** people tried to touch him, because **power** was coming from him and healing

#### The Holy Spirit came upon

**Acts 10 v 44** While Peter was still speaking these **words**, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

#### Don't try to work it out!

**John 3:8** The **wind blows** wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone **born of the Spirit.**"

#### Learning sensitivity to Him:

- How does He speak to you ?
- The overflow of the Spirit and word in you

#### Character and power (our 2 legs)



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## 3.The Message

**What speaks?**

**What God has done in you!**

**Life:** Your motivation, Approach to life, Spirit, Relationship to this passing world

**Words:** Jesus spoke in parables - simple pictures

As you speak the Holy Spirit gives words to say ex.

**Actions:** 1. Interest in people 2. The overflow from Gods presence in you

**Remember:**

People are blind, deaf...

Sin holds prisoners.

What our words mean? - eg: God, Church

We speak of a person and a relationship; it is not about winning an argument.

A persons Spirit can pick things up before their understanding.

## 4.The Messenger

**Our relationship with them** <sup>The trinity</sup> "that the world may believe"

**Matt 17 v 20 - 21**

**We want to represent him well**

**Luke 10 v 16 – 18** (Matt 10 v 40) <sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me"

**Compassion - correctly seeing**

**Matt 9 v 35 - 38** <sup>luke 10 v 23</sup> "Blessed are the eyes that sees what you see"

**We are designed to be cohabited:**

**A. We are likened to:**

- Temple <sup>1 Cor 3 v 16</sup> "you are Gods temple" <sup>1 Cor 6 v 19 / 2 Cor 6 v 16</sup> community

- Jars of clay <sup>2 Cor 4 v 7</sup> "we have this treasure in jars of clay"

**B. We Carry:**

Grace & Righteousness <sup>Rom 5 v 21</sup> Holiness <sup>1 Cor 3 v 17</sup> Peace <sup>John 14 v 27</sup> Glory <sup>John 17 v 22</sup>

Light <sup>Eph 5 v 8</sup> Joy, Peace, Hope <sup>Rom 15 v 13</sup> Thankfulness <sup>Col 2 v 7</sup>

Knowledge (of who we are as sons / daughters / heirs... ) <sup>1 P 2 v 9, Gal 4 v 4 - 7</sup> etc

- This can make us attractive!

**When people like the messenger, not necessarily the message?**

- Life shines through!

- Relationship the key

- Life's circumstances change...

- Step back let Him move

**Our challenge?**

- Sensitivity to the Father and to people

- learning to release Kingdom **Matt 9 v 35, 10 v 5 - 8, Luke 10 v 8 - 9...**

