



**Bible Study Lesson Series – “The Law of the Spirit of Life”**  
**August 20- 2025**



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<sup>15</sup> Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality <sup>7</sup>and <sup>8</sup>power and <sup>9</sup>might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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- The Bible tells us that we do not need greater power, but rather, a *“spirit of wisdom and revelation”* (Eph. 1:17) so that we might realize the *“exceeding greatness of His power”* (v. 19) that is already in us.
- It is the spirit of revelation that makes us see, and the spirit of wisdom that gives us an understanding of what we see.
- In other words, while it is revelation that gives us vision, it is wisdom that brings this vision into focus!
- How exceedingly great is God's power? To the extent that His power worked in Christ, to that extent will His power work in the church.
- If the power manifested in us is less than the power that was manifested in Christ, we should acknowledge there are many things that we have not seen and understood.

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### 1 Corinthians 1:9-16

- It is **Revelation** that which separates for us, “spiritual” things from “natural” things!

1 Corinthians 1:9 But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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- Revelation and Power are “relative”!
  - Jesus curses the fig tree (Mark 11:12-14, 19-26)
    - Revelation is that the Word of faith opens door to the supernatural
    - Manifestation of power appeared in the withering of the fig tree from its very roots!
  - Jesus sends the disciples across the lake into a storm
    - Revelation is “hearing the voice of Jesus” – “How God Sounds”!
    - Manifestation of power is Peter walks on the water!

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### **Acts 8:26-40**

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert. <sup>27</sup> So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.”

<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> The place in the Scripture which he read was this: “*He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth.*” <sup>33</sup> In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.” <sup>34</sup> So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

<sup>36</sup> Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?” <sup>37</sup> Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” <sup>38</sup> So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

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### **Acts 8:26-40**

- Revelation and Power always promotes the Kingdom and not Individuals!
  - Works within the confines of the plan of God
  - First **an Angel speaks** to Phillip in Acts 8:26
    - The Angel tells Phillip to go out onto the desert road
    - Note: remember the importance of discerning the “voices we hear”! (There is no visible manifestation of the Angel)
    - We studied a few weeks back one of the gifts of the Spirit is “Discerning’s” of “spirits! (our own human spirit, the spirit of another human, the Holy Spirit, Heavenly Angels, fallen angels)
  - While in the desert **the Holy Spirit speaks** to Phillip instructing him to join himself to the first chariot that comes along
  - It happens to be an Ethiopian Eunuch, Chief steward of the Ethiopian Treasury
  - He is reading Isaiah 53, specifically verse 7 as Phillip approaches.

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- Why Isaiah 53? It is the one single scripture that anyone familiar with the Old Testament “should” have understood Isaiah was foretelling of Jesus Christ!
- This is important because God has determined the Eunuch needs take what is now unfolding as the NT Gospel, back to Ethiopia and enlighten Candace and the Ethiopian nation.
- Ethiopia is during bible times dating back to King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, the **greatest ally** of the Hebrew people. **“THEY NEED TO KNOW JESUS”!**
- The Eunuch is captivated trying to understand who is this man that the Jews would persecute so badly!
- This encounter results in the Eunuch accepting Jesus and the New Testament Gospel returning to Ethiopia revealing God’s Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah to come
- We should receive here the example here of Phillip in discerning's of spirits and hearing and obeying the voice of God.
- Do you know that today **Wednesday, August 20, 2025**, Ethiopia is in possession of the most **original and complete** copies of ancient scripture scrolls and books of anyone on earth! Even above the Catholic Church, the Vatican in Rome!