

First Step: Get In The Spirit!

Revelation 1:10, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet."

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

"I was in the Spirit." Isn't that just beautiful? My, I love that. **You could just call those words, "The whole of the Christian life." If we are going to live as Christians, we have to be in His Spirit.** John was not talking about being in his own spirit. That would not have brought these visions. It had to be the Spirit of God. **It has to be the Spirit of God with us, too, or all our efforts are in vain.** Paul said, "I will pray in the Spirit, I will sing in the Spirit, I will live in the Spirit." (*I Cor. 14:15*). **If there is anything good that will come to me it has to be revealed by the Spirit, confirmed by the Word, and made manifest by the results it bears.** As surely as John needed to be in the Spirit to receive these tremendous revelations fresh from Jesus, **we need to be in the Spirit to understand the revelations that God has given to us to live by in His Word, for it is the same Spirit. Now, you can't do any good until first you get in the Spirit; God can't use you.**

Now, John was transmitted from the Isle of Patmos, in the Spirit, **over into the Lord's day. This is the day of man, men are fighting, but the day of the Lord will come when these kingdoms will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, then there'll be the great millennium. The Lord's day, the day of His coming, His judgment, that'll be the Lord's day.**

This is the day of man; that's the reason they slam you around and do what they want to with you, but there'll be a time... They call you now holy-roller and fanatic, but there'll be a time come, that they won't do that. They'll scream and wail and fall at your feet. The Bible said, Malachi 4:1-3, you'll even walk out on the ashes after they're burnt up: leave them neither root nor branch. That's exactly what the Bible says: "The righteous shall walk upon the ashes of the wicked." That's exactly. They'll not be left root or branch, nothing to come back to. And they'll be done.

Now, **this is a man's day, man's doings, man's works, man's church, man's ideas, but the day of the Lord is coming.**

Now, John was in the Spirit. **He got in the Spirit, then things begin to take place.** And then when he got in there, he heard a trumpet. Now, a trumpet always announces the approaching of something. A king is approaching, they'll sound a trumpet. When Jesus approaches, He'll sound a trumpet (*I Thess. 4:16*). Is that right? When Joseph went forth, they sounded a trumpet (*Gen. 41:14-44*). And now, something's coming forward; John got in the Spirit and he heard a trumpet. He heard a trumpet, and he turned to look

what was behind him when **he heard the trumpet, after he got into the Spirit** (*Rev. 1:9-18*).

Maybe he was dancing, jumping, running all around on the island. **He was having a good time; he was in the Spirit.** That may sound sacrilegious, but I don't mean it that way. See? He might've been doing that. **I believe he was having a good time in the Spirit, just praising God;** because that's exactly what happened when the Spirit fell on them at the first place. When the Holy Ghost fell on them, they staggered like drunk men and women, and acted like they were drunk, and jabbering, and carrying on like that till the people said, "These people are full of new wine." (*Acts 2:1-21*). That's the way they acted the first time. So the Spirit come on again, he probably acted the same way. See? There's nothing new about this thing; **this is an old-time religion.** Yes.

"In the Spirit on the Lord's day..." Now, we hear it. Now, what? And what was he done? He was transferred from the isle now, **in the Spirit, over into the Lord's day.** And as soon as he got over into the Lord's day, he heard a trumpet. What is it? It's Somebody approaching. A great One's approaching. Trumpet sounds, Somebody's coming. He looked. Hallelujah!

Saying, **"I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:** I'm both Alpha and Omega; before I show you anything, I want to let you know Who I am." (*Rev. 1:8*). Amen.

That's the first thing that He let him know **Who He was.** Who's this approaching? Is this King Jesus? King God? King Holy Ghost? He said, "I'm all of It. I'm from A to Z. I'm the Beginning and the Ending. I'm the immortal, eternal One."

The greatest of all the revelations is the Deity, the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can't get to first base until you believe that, walk out... That's what Peter said, **"Repent, and then see the Deity.** Be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, **and then you're ready to go in the Spirit.**" (*Acts 2:37-41*). **The first thing you have to know is the Deity of Christ.** "I am Alpha and Omega. I'm from A to Z; there's no more but Me. I was at the beginning; I'll be at the end. I'm He that was, which is, and shall come, the Almighty." Think of it. That's what the trumpet said.

Pray to God for a revelation by His Spirit! That is the first step. Get in the Spirit!

Let me just use another illustration. Suppose you need healing. What does the Word say? **Well, we have all read it countless times, but did not get in the Spirit when reading it. Did we ask God for His Spirit to teach us the real truth of it?** If we did, we would call the elders, **confess our sins,** be anointed and prayed for, and that would be that (*James 5:14-15*). It might not come immediately, **but in His Spirit, it is all over.** There is no other court of appeal. **God will fulfill His Word. Oh, we need to get in the Spirit, and then things will be done. Don't go through the acts first. Get in the Spirit and then go through the acts and watch what God will do.**

Have you ever noticed how the world gets into the spirit of things that are in the world? They go to their ball games, their sporting events, and their dances. They enter into the spirit of it. They don't sit there like wall flowers, old dried up sticks. **They enter right into the feel of things and become a part of things. But, oh, how they hate the Christians for getting into the Spirit of God's Word.** They call us fanatics and holy-rollers. There is nothing they won't do to show their hatred and disapproval. But ignore that. You can expect it, knowing where it is coming from. **Just go on and get in the Spirit of worship** (*John 4:24*).

Our spirit is clean. It is fresh. It is real. It is sober and serious but nonetheless, **full of the joy of the Lord. The Christian ought to be just as exuberant and full of his pleasure in the Lord as the world is when it savors and delights in its pleasures.** Both Christians and the world are human; both have emotions. **The difference is the Christians' hearts and emotions are purely on the Lord of Glory and His love,** while the world satisfies the flesh. [1]

You know, that's what's the matter with the Church today; **it doesn't get in the Spirit enough. We're too much in ourselves. My, if you'll just get out of yourself long enough.** You say, "Well, you know, our church is... We have a regular routine." Oh, who cares about your routine? I wish you'd get out of the routine long enough to get saved anyhow. Amen. Get saved! Get out of the routine! We don't care about the routine. **Get in the Spirit, then you can see things done.**

An old prophet one time got all stirred up, because somebody come to him; it wasn't right for him to come. He kind of got his righteous indignation up, and you know what he did? **Before the Spirit come on him, he had to go sing some good spiritual songs** (*II Kings 3:14-16*). **Then he got in the Spirit and he begin to see things. He saw some visions. I tell you brother, life will look a lot different when the Church gets in the Spirit, and gets out of itself, and the routine that you're in.** Amen. [2]

You know, I love to sing in the Spirit after a meeting where you had--that's cutting and everything. Don't you? **Oh, how I love to get in the Spirit then. The Word's fallen now; now only thing It needs is some moisture, some praises, then It starts growing.** You see? Oh, don't you love Him? Let's raise up our hands and sing that: I love Him, I love Him, because He first loved me, and purchased my salvation on Calvary's tree. [3]

No matter how saintly you are, how godly you are, how much of a minister or lay member, or whatever you are, **you'll never be able to get anywhere with God till you get in the Spirit.** That's right. **I don't mean get in emotion. I mean get in the Spirit.** See, see? **You get in emotion, do anything. But when you get in the Spirit, you see things.** That's right. [4]

Now, brother if you don't see Divine healing, you don't see the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you don't see this mighty move of the Spirit of God, moving in the last stage here, just get in the Spirit one time and you will see things, things will be revealed to you (I Peter 1:13). You will begin to notice things looking different, what they used to be. That's right. You won't go along with a criticizing spirit; **you'll come back humbly.** That's right. [5]

Job being a prophet caught the vision. When the washing of the water by the sprinkling of the blood, or the sprinkling of the water of separation upon him. **When he heard the Word coming from Elihu, his heart caught it** because he was a prophet. He stood up. The thunders roared; the lightning begin to flash across the skies (*Job 38:1-7; 19:25-27; 42:1-6*); the **prophet got into the Spirit. That's the only way the Church is ever going to catch a vision of what to do, when they get in the Spirit of it.** [6]

We've got to get in the spirit of the last days when the last days are here. **You go to the church, you've got to get in the Spirit of worship before you can worship.** The world's got to get in the spirit of the last days **before** the last days can come, and we're in the spirit of the last days. And **God's promised that these things would be here, and that's what we've got.** We're in the last days. And men and women are setting asleep and don't realize it. [7]

Looking around at the nature of the people, seeing that we're in the spirit of the last day... They had to get in the spirit of the antediluvian world before they could be destroyed. They have to be in the spirit of war before they can have war. **God, let us be in the Spirit of Christ tonight so we can have Christ. Let us be in the Spirit of repentance, a Spirit of faith.** Give it to us, our Father, **of these great treasures of life.** They're so freely, just by asking. And realizing that the greatest things of life, **and the only real lasting things are the unseen...** [8]

See, **whatever you do, do it all in the Spirit.** That's right. **And the Spirit brings the Word to Life (I Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19).** Is that right? That's right. Yes, sir. [9]

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