

2 Cor. 3:17 AMP. "Now the Lord is a Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom)."

Gal. 3:3 AMP. "Are you so foolish and so senseless and so silly? Having begun [your new life spiritually] with the [Holy] Spirit, are you now reaching perfection [by dependence] on the flesh?"

Our publication, "A White Stone," is, among other things, a clarion call to holiness. The main characters set an example of how each of us can prosper during perilous times. After reading it, many people come to me with a renewed enthusiasm to be like one or several of those characters; in essence, to be the kind of representation of Jesus that the character is.

They often tell me of several ways in which they intend to change. If I can't talk them out of their formula and must let them attempt to change themselves, it is normally just a matter of time before they come back to me - broken, overwhelmed and very confused - wondering why the Lord did not honor their heart.

Most of the time, I just take them to the above verses and they get the picture. The Holy Spirit started all of this. He is the one who must be in every equation during the changing process; and He must be allowed a free hand to fully accomplish His will in making you like Jesus. Anything else is simply frustrating, burdensome religion. It is a yolk that is too heavy for any one of us to carry.

Understand this. When you break under the weight of attempting to become holy in your own strength, crumple at the feet of Jesus. Repent of your foolishness of attempting to accomplish by yourself what only the Holy Spirit can do. You are needed in the upcoming times. Don't allow your stubbornness to cause you to be left on the sidelines.

Needing to remember that the Lord authored my faith, and it is His job to finish it.
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