

**Sermon Notes: Boost — “Holy Spirit Divine Identity Coach”
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Recap: Boost; Instant Continuous Powerful Help From the Holy Spirit.

Personal Present Holy Spirit: How do you relate to a person vs a force?

Kathryn Kuhlman:

“Christians today operate very little in the Holy Spirit because of their ignorance concerning the Holy Spirit Himself.”

C. H. Spurgeon:

“You may know a man, and have an idea that he is powerful; but to know him and his power over you, is a stage further. ... you may have no knowledge of him and of his personal influence over yourself.”

To know by experience the Person of the Holy Spirit, and to know his power and influence upon us. We want the Boost He brings!

Intro: “Holy Spirit Divine Identity Coach”

Kathryn Kuhlman:

“The Holy Spirit is the greatest promoter who ever lived, and he promotes just one person: Jesus Christ.”

He only promotes Jesus Christ, but when he does he promotes you too!

Identity: What is it and where does it come from?

If someone asked you the question, “who are you,” how would you answer?

Are you your name? Or is that what you are called?

Are you your job or your ministry or is that what you do?

Are you what others think of you, or is that your reputation?

Are you what you think of yourself, or is that mere self-perception?

Are you the sum of how people treat you, or does that reflect them?

Are you your genetics, or is there something deeper about you?

Are you the product of your environment or your choices?

Are you fundamentally defined by your nationality, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or even your sexual orientation?

Who are you and who told you who you are? This is one of the fundamental issues of life, that if gotten wrong can set your whole life on a trajectory of disconnection, pain, and even sickness and misery.¹ This sense of self is such a powerful force in determining the course of our lives.

Who are you, and who told you who you are?

Genesis 3:1-6

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Our Problem: Someone Wants to Label You!

1. The World

In the 1970's it was reported that the average person was exposed to 500 - 1600 ads per day. By 2007 that has increased to 5000 ad per day, and its estimated that today people are exposed to anywhere from 4000-10,000 ads per day.^{2 3}

2. People

¹ Kendra Cherry, "What is An Identity Crises?" Accessed April. 28, 2022. <https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-an-identity-crisis-2795948>

² <https://ppcprotect.com/blog/strategy/how-many-ads-do-we-see-a-day/>

³ Jon Simpson, "Finding Brand Success in the Digital World." <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesagencycouncil/2017/08/25/finding-brand-success-in-the-digital-world/?sh=6c15bc10626e>

The way people treat you, talk to you, interact with you, what they expect from you, all speaks to how they see you and has inherent within it some pretty clear messaging.

3. The Devil

Revelation 12:10

"...for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."

4. Ourselves

We talk to ourselves a lot!

Psychology Toady. "Self-Talk: Don't be Mean to Yourself" by Linda and Charlie Bloom.

"In Robert Gerzon's book, Finding Serenity in the Age of Anxiety... He claims that for those people who have a real chatterbox of a mind, there can be a velocity of up to 400 words per minute."

That's 24,000 words an hour, and 576,000 words a day!

God's Solution:

We are complete and whole in him:

Colossians 2:10

"and you are complete in Him..."

Hebrews 10:14 — For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

We are perfected and complete. We just don't know it and believe it, and so we don't act like it!

The Boost: Holy Spirit helps close the gap between how we perceive ourselves to be, and who we really are!

Romans 8:16 (NIV)

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."

Romans 8:16 (MSG)

"God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children."

1 Cor. 6:17

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

1 John 4:17

"...as he is, so are we in this world."

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When Holy Spirit reveals Jesus, you should see yourself in him too.

Colossians 3:4

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Appear / φανερώ: phaneroó: to make visible, make clear.. to become apparent ("graspable").

John 15:26

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Truth / ἀλήθεια : alétheia: truth. "(alétheia) was synonymous for "reality" as the opposite of illusion..."

When Holy Spirit makes Jesus real, plain, visible and clear, he also makes you plain and clear and visible in him!

Lets get Practical: The Boost

1. Actions and Choices

When life messaging says you are not enough, Holy Spirit will be there speaking deeply into your heart letting you know that you are enough.

Ephesians 1:6

"...to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved."

Galatians 5:25-26 (MSG)

25-26 Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

Embracing your authentic original self is a life lived in and by the Spirit.

2. Relationships

Holy Spirit will rescue you from trading in your authenticity to try to be liked.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

3. Job/ Performance / Ministry

Holy Spirit will show you that Jesus did it all, sat down, and is now waiting for you to enter his rest too! You don't need to prove anything, and striving is superfluous. Your work adds nothing to his!

1 Corinthians 2:12

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.

Galatians 4:6-7

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

4. Self-Perception

He will help you walk through life in a way that reflects that new found belief about yourself as you are in Christ!

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Summary:

The Boost: In a world that wants to define you, limit and label you, a personal, present, identity coach is one incredible BOOST!

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