

The Feast of Spirit

(Sermon Notes) By Warren Zehrung 10/12/2017

Today is the Last Great Day. This is the Day of the Great White Throne Judgment. Let's begin with the "Two Trees." It was God's intent from the beginning that man be influenced and led by His Holy Spirit. That is what the Tree of Life represents.

Adam and Eve chose the "Tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil," they chose poorly. And as a result mankind has labored and lumbered aimlessly through life without God's guidance.

God will not eternally judge mankind for its miserable performance. He is His loving kindness will not hold man responsible – ultimately – for his sin, but will pour out His Spirit so that man may enjoy righteous judgment.

We have just finished celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles showing the time when God's Spirit will be poured out on all those people living during the millennium.

Today, The Last Great Day pictures the time when God's Holy Spirit will be poured out on ALL who have ever lived – going all the way back to the creation of man. That is the meaning of the Last Great Day.

The world does not know about God's Holy Spirit. Indeed, toward the end, even the Worldwide Church of God did not know of God's Holy Spirit. I was serving at Pasadena in the late 1980's when Worldwide – under a new administration – went entirely off track into apostasy.

Modern Israel in its rebellion against God and the things of God needs to **repent** – and return to the Creator God.

While I was at Pasadena, Dr. Kyriacos J. Stavrinides was asked to help craft an official church statement on the nature of God, and he began representing Joseph Tkach's "new" Protestant theology. Dr. Stavrinides spoke modern Greek, and stated that he had always understood that God was **three beings in one**. He taught at Ambassador College. He produced a lengthy video series based on the Catholic Church doctrine of the **Trinity**. David Hulme, a strong supporter, urged that this doctrine be "spoon fed" to the Church members to prevent a rapid loss of membership. In a Pasadena sermon in 1989, Kyriacos J. Stavrinides, that famous violinist, a graduate of the Guildhall School of Music, London, the University of London and the University of Surrey said,

"God's Holy Spirit is not mentioned anywhere in the Old Testament."

I was sitting in the congregation – he was on the stage speaking – and I heard him say that! I immediately went up to Dr. Stavrinides as he came down off the stage at the end of his sermon and asked him, "What about these Scriptures that specifically speak of **God's Holy Spirit**,

Psalms 51:10-11 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a **Right Spirit** within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not **thy Holy Spirit** from me.

Genesis 1:2 ... And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, **My spirit** shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh:

Psalms 139:7 David prayed, "Where can I go from your **Spirit**? Where can I flee from your presence?"

Haggai 2:4-5 ...**My Spirit** remains among you. Do not fear.

Nehemiah 9:20 You gave your **Good Spirit** to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst.

Psalms 106:32-33 ...They rebelled against the **Spirit of God**, and rash words came from Moses' lips.

Isaiah 63:10-14 But they rebelled, and vexed his **Holy Spirit**: ...Where is he that put his **Holy Spirit** within him? ... They were given rest by the **Spirit of the Lord**. This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name.

Zechariah 7:11-12 ... They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that **the LORD Almighty had sent by His Spirit** through the earlier prophets. So the LORD Almighty was very angry.

Ezekiel 37:14 And shall put **My Spirit in you**, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

Dr. Stavrinides declared to me, "Those Scriptures are **NOT** about **God's Holy Spirit**." And he defiantly walked away as though that was the last word on the subject. So you can see what we were dealing with immediately after Herbert W. Armstrong died.

Isaiah 63 shows where ancient Israel was pleading with God to grant them repentance – but they had not repented. We break into their story:

Isaiah 63:9 In all their affliction He [Jesus Christ] was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. [time setting changes here]

Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed his **Holy Spirit**: therefore he was turned to be their enemy [God punishing Israel], and he fought against them.

Isaiah 63:11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his **Holy Spirit** within him?

God put His Holy Spirit in Moses.

Isaiah 63:12 That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

[God carried them through their journey. You would not try to cross the desert on foot without a pack-animal – a **horse**.]

Isaiah 63:13 That led them through the deep, as an **horse** in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?

Isaiah 63:14 As a beast goes down into the valley, the **Spirit of the LORD** caused him to rest [Moses died]: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

New Heavens and a New Earth

Isaiah incorporates a marvelous writing technique here of **looking back** from the completion of God's Plan toward – where we are today – having just celebrated the one-thousand year Feast of Tabernacles. In the time period of the New Heavens and a New Earth everyone will possess God's Holy Spirit because everyone will be a spirit being.

Isaiah 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isaiah 65:18 But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

In the Great White Throne Judgment period of the Last Great Day, everyone that ever lived will receive God's Holy Spirit for the first time.

Isaiah 65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

God gives everyone one-hundred years collectively with His Spirit.

Isaiah 65:20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die **an hundred years** old; but the sinner being **an hundred** years old shall be accursed.

Continuing in reverse order – we come to the Millennial period.

Isaiah 65:21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

Trees can live very long. Cedars and pines can easily live longer than 1000 years up to a few thousand years. It all depends on what type of tree it is. In the United States, the bristle cone pine can live up to 5,000 years!

Isaiah 65:22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the **days of a tree** are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Isaiah 65:23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

Isaiah 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

At the end of the 7000 years, at the end of the Last Great Day – that today pictures – everyone will be spiritual beings. Some become spiritual beings before the Millennium, and others by the time of the new heavens and the new earth.

We saw that at the beginning of the Millennium, God granted His Spirit to everyone alive.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, [during the Millennium] that **I will pour out my Spirit** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Everyone that ever lived will receive God's Holy Spirit for the first time.

Joel 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will **I pour out my Spirit**.

Only those with God's Holy Spirit are accountable to God and being judged. The people of this world are not being **eternally judged** now – their time of Judgment will come on the Last Great Day at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment. We will be their teachers. The 100 years of Isaiah 65:20 is not added to the 7000 year Plan of God because they have already lived their lives. The Last Great Day – the Great White Throne Judgment is when they will be judged after receiving God's Holy Spirit.

1Peter 4:17 For the time is come that **judgment must begin** at the House of God:

During the Church Era, only God's called, and chosen people are given His **Holy Spirit**.

In the Last Great Day – the Great White Throne Judgment period – everyone resurrected will have already lived one before – without God’s **Holy Spirit**.

In the first 6000 years only a very few were given God’s **Holy Spirit**.

In the Great White Throne judgment all who never received God’s Holy Spirit will be resurrected – receive God’s Holy Spirit – and then be judged during that period. My dad was not privileged to be called and receive God’s Holy Spirit when he lived – but he will receive it on the Last Great Day.

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow **rivers of living water**.

Special Offertory Music – “Rivers of Living Waters.”

Song Title: Rivers of Living Waters

Composer: Ross F Jutsum (Lyrics paraphrased from John 4, 7; Isaiah 11, 58; Zachariah 14; Revelation 21 & 22)

Tenor Solo: Performed by Michael North

Ambassador College - Young Ambassadors

In the last day, that great day of the feast

Jesus stood and He cried aloud

To the Jews and the Pharisees, and the chief priests

He addressed the assembled crowd:

"If any man thirst, let him come unto Me

And he'll never thirst again

And from out of his mouth, living waters shall flow

Everlasting life for all men..."

CHORUS

Rivers of living water shall flow

God's gift, the whole creation will show

Peaceful, and free from fear

Gentle, and crystal clear

One day from new Jerusalem shall go

Flowing, at last the whole world will know that God

gives to those who freely receive

Rivers, if you believe

Jesus has said: "Let him freely partake

Of the water of life I give

Just like a spring where the waters don't fail

He will flourish as long as he lives"

When the Fountain of all living water returns

He will let the oppressed go free

And the earth will be filled with the knowledge of God

As the waters cover the sea

CHORUS

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That is beautiful music and I can't imagine how Joe Jr. thought he was benefiting mankind by putting a stop to something so wonderful. He will answer to Jesus Christ on the Last Great Day.

Romans 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Romans 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall **give account of himself to God.**

We are speaking of the Last Great Day.

Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the **Spirit of the LORD**, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones.

This is what will take place when the Last Great Day comes to the full – as Pentecost once came to the full – and will come to the full again at the last Trumpet.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was **fully come...**

God says:

Ezekiel 37:14 And shall put **My Spirit in you**, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

When will God put His Holy Spirit in all of Israel and all of mankind?

Do not miss this brethren: Today is a **GREAT DAY**. It is emphatic! It represents an incredibly large harvest of people – more than we can imagine. In vast numbers of persons raised from the dead – this is the biggest resurrection.

Rivers of Living Water

John 7:37 In the last day, that **great day** of the Feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. [of God's Holy Spirit]

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water [God's Holy Spirit].

John 7:39 (But this spoke he of the **Spirit**, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was **not yet glorified.**)

John 7:40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

John 8:1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. [that evening – then the next morning... Still the Last Great Day all the way to John 10:21]

John 8:2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

John 8:3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

John 8:4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

John 8:5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

John 8:6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

Jesus wrote their names in the dust of the earth – which was a tremendous insult in those days. Great leaders had their names carved in granite monuments. But their names and remembrance of them would be blown away by the wind.

Jesus was fulfilling a Messianic Prophecy about Himself.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Their names will be written in the earth because they rejected Jesus the fountain of **living waters** and His Spirit.

Jeremiah 17:13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be **written in the earth**, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of **living waters**.

John 8:6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

John 8:7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

John 8:8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

What did Jesus write? Maybe something like:

Billy Bob Smith... in the woods

Hank Jones... by the creek

M B Ezzler... at the bank.

It was getting too hot in the kitchen for all of them.

John 8:9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

John 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

John 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said

All this still on the Last Great Day all the way to John 10:21. **Blindness removed from Israel** on the Last Great Day.

John 10:21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the **eyes of the blind**?

The Lord Is My Strength and My Song

Water from Wells of Salvation

Isaiah 12:1 And in that day [Last Great Day] thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Isaiah 12:3 Therefore with joy shall ye **draw water out of the wells of salvation**.

Isaiah 12:4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Isaiah 12:5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Isaiah 12:6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

My wife, Sharon will be there when God raises her mother, Marie on the Last Great Day.

First, Marie will hear Jesus' voice saying, "Marie come forth from the grave."

John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

John 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His [Jesus'] voice.

Marie will say, "Hi Sharon." Sharon will look just like she did when she was 35 years old. Sharon will say, "Hi mother – you are not in heaven – but you are going to like it – because God has **something better** for you!"

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a **Great White Throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the **dead were judged** out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Who are these **people in the sea**? How many men are at the bottom of the sea?

Revelation 20:13 And the **sea gave up the dead** which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Warren Kenneth Zehrunge, my dad graduated from High School in ~1934 at Longview, TX only a few miles from where the Ambassador College, Big Sandy campus would be later in 1964. My dad joined the US Navy to see the world – he was only 17 year old. He never returned to Texas to live.

His name however is on the Gregg County Courthouse WWII Memorial to men who died in the war - Longview, Texas. But he did not die in the war – though his friends thought he was lost during the Arizona sinking.

During a part of his first five year tour in the US Navy he was stationed on the world's fastest battleship the **USS Indianapolis**. She was a battle cruiser and flagship as well.

I grew up hearing many stories about the USS Indianapolis – and I still have dad's photos of the ship. Dad was discharged at the end of his tour and he came to Louisiana for work in 1940.

He met my mom, Gertrude Gremillion, and they began to date – but war broke out on December 7, 1941. Dad and mom married a few weeks later on December 24, 1941, and dad was soon called up again by the US Navy. He was sent to the Pacific theatre – stationed at Guam for most of the entirety of the war. Meanwhile the “Indy,” USS Indianapolis was at war elsewhere.

USS Indianapolis

USS Indianapolis, a massive battleship, one of the fastest cruisers in the fleet, was damaged by a kamikaze attack at the Solomon Islands of Okinawa and went to Mare Island at San Francisco for three months of repairs.

The crew was very close – because of the camaraderie in battle.

July 15, 1945 the USS Indianapolis picked up a large crate and a small container (probably the Little Boy gun assembly and the U-235 'bullet') at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, and on July 16th departed for Pearl Harbor setting a new speed record of almost 30 knots per hour which still stands today.

From Pearl Harbor they sailed a top speed to Tinian Island, 3300 miles across the Pacific – only 122 miles from where “Zeke” Zehrunge was serving at Guam – arriving in Tinian on July 26, 1945.

Captain Charles Butler McVay III had been told that – whatever they were delivering would cut the war short! The “Indy” off-loaded atomic bomb material – Top Secret – to be used on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On July 30, 1945, what turned out to be the final days of World War II, Indianapolis had just completed a secret mission to the island Tinian, delivering components of the atomic bomb “Little Boy” dropped on Hiroshima which would ultimately help end the war. The ship sunk in 12 minutes, before a distress signal could be sent or much of the life-saving equipment was deployed, according to a statement from the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C. Because of the secrecy surrounding the mission, the ship wasn’t listed as overdue.

The B-29 bomber, Enola Gay, was waiting for the deadly cargo.

From Tinian, the USS Indianapolis sailed to Guam – where my dad attempted to board her, but was denied.

Admiral Chester Nimitz gave Captain McVay orders to proceed immediately through the Leyte Gulf to join the US fleet task force in the Philippines for preparations for a Japanese invasion.

“Zeke” Zehrunge told Warren Zehrunge (who was born during the war January 14, 1943) that the USS Indianapolis was carrying additional materials for atomic bombs. The USS Indianapolis carried the components for the 'Little Boy' atomic bomb and successfully delivered them to Tinian on 26 July 1945.

Rumor has it were there components for another atomic bomb on Indianapolis when it was sunk by the I-58 Japanese submarine on 30 July 1945.

The USS Indianapolis went from Tinian to nearby Guam, then departed from Guam to join the main US fleet in Leyte Gulf. It was during this voyage that she was sunk. She lay lost for 72 years and then found on August 19, 2017. It would have been “Zeke’s” 101 birthday anniversary. The USS Indianapolis was discovered one week before Warren and Sharon’s 54th wedding anniversary.

Seventy-two years after two torpedoes fired from an Imperial Japanese submarine sank the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA-35), the ship’s wreckage was found resting on the seafloor on Saturday – more than 18,000 feet below the Pacific Ocean’s surface.

(Tina Jewell's dad had two ships torpedoed out from under him in the Pacific – and he finally succumbed to his perils in a prisoner of war camp – and never came home.)

Before the war, the 9,800 ton Portland Class heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis acted as a flagship for several years, even transporting President Franklin D. Roosevelt to South America as part of his “Good Neighbor” cruise in 1936.

When the “Indy” was sunk – there were 1197 men on board. Only 316 of the nearly 900 sailors who entered the water were rescued. It remains the single largest casualties / loss of life in US Naval history.

A spread of six torpedoes were fired - two striking torpedoes from a Japanese submarine sank the ship - 14 minutes after midnight – sinking it in 12 minutes.

Japanese Commander Mochitsura Hashimoto, was the captain of the submarine that sunk her.

About 300 men went down with the ship and remain there to this day. It is a tomb of over 300 known seamen who gave their lives in the service of our country 72 years ago; and the surrounding waters a grave for nearly 600 more shipmates. It is thought that 881 perished in all.

Around 800 of the ship’s 1,196 sailors and Marines survived the sinking, but after four to five days in the water, suffering exposure, dehydration, drowning, and shark attacks, **only 316 survived.** (320)

MY dad, Warren Kenneth Zehring was one of the very last men to see most of the “Indy” crew alive. 3 days out of Guam Japanese sub got them.

I suppose that I most look forward – on the Last Great Day – to seeing my dad once again. This is what I will tell him:

Revelation 20:13 And the **sea gave up the dead** which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

“Dad, all your buddies that you thought you would never see again from the “Indy” are here – they are alive – and they are here!

John 4:24 God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

God will make us spirit so that we may come into His presence.

1John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Hebrews 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of **eternal judgment.**

Eternal Judgment is upon those who have received **God’s Holy Spirit.**

End: The Feast of Spirit