

**CHARIS CHRISTIAN CENTRE**  
**SERMON NOTES**

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Speaker : Rev. Irwin Rutherford  
Topic : The Year of the Holy Spirit in the year  
of the dragon  
Scripture Text : Ezra 1:1- 5

The emphasis of today's text is

- The stirring of Cyrus, the king of Persia
- The stirring of the hearts of the people who are willing to give & to be involved

10 predictions regarding the Year of the Holy Spirit **if you allow yourself to be stirred by the Holy Spirit:**

1. You will be called sons and daughters of God if you are led by the Spirit in 2012 – **the power of salvation**
2. You will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh if you yield to the Holy Spirit in the year 2012 – **the power of repentance**  
Rom. 8: 1-4 = “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit”
3. You will satisfy your hunger and thirst of life in God  
Matt. 5:6 = “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst righteousness, for they be filled” – **the power of desire**
4. You will not be drunk in the world's values if you are filled with the Holy Spirit – **the power of influence**  
Eph. 5:15-19 = “Be very careful then how you live – not as unwise but wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit”

5. You will see many souls saved if you receive the power of the Holy Spirit to witness for Christ. Acts 1 & 2 – **the power of testimony**
6. You will break every bad habit & bondages if you live in the Holy Spirit. The anointing of the Holy Spirit breaks the yoke of bondages – **the power of restoration**
7. You will need the creativity of Holy Spirit. Gen 1-2  
*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

CREATIVITY IN LIFE IS THE FIRST WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT RECORDED.

2012 REQUIRES FRESH CREATIVITY.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL MOVE UPON YOU TO CREATE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN GREAT LIFE LESSONS.

*"NEVER TRADE WHAT YOU DO KNOW FOR WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW."* Chuck Smith

8. You will need the revelational work of the Holy Spirit
  - Luke 2:25-32, the story of Simeon  
*And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 **And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death,** before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law, 28 then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and v32 **A light for revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of thy people Israel. Mine eyes have seen your salvation***

The greatest work of the Holy Spirit is to reveal THE CHRIST.

THIS IS BOTH PROPHETIC AND REVELATIONAL  
ACTS 11:16

**Then remembered I the word of the Lord**, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

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ACTS 11:

27 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

- The revelational work of the Holy Spirit helps you overcome the trials & hurts of life
- 1 Cor 2:10-12 = “The Holy Spirit searches all things, even to the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us”
- 2 aspects of the revelational work of Holy Spirit
  - i. Through the Word of God
  - ii. Through the prophetic nature of the Word of God that brings restoration, healing, comfort & edification

9. You will need **moment by moment’s** leading of the Holy Spirit in our daily life through the daily reading of the Word of God & spending time to have a relationship with God
- John 10:27-30 = Jesus said, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one”
  - Matt. 24:12-13 = Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold but he who stands firm to the end will be saved
  - LUKE 2: 35-- Every day moments led by the Spirit

- ----Critical moments: Anna was there when the Christ came in
- SIMON PETER IN ACTS 11:12  
And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.

10. You will need the giving and calling of the Holy Spirit 2 things regarding the stirring of the Holy Spirit:
- **It brings** forth the call of God through obedience. In Ezra 1:1, even Cyrus, the king of Persia was moved by the call of God
  - **It stirs** the commitment to the giving of finances/resources for the expansion work of the Kingdom of God
  - Luke 6:38 = “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into you lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you”

#### Conclusion:

- Let 2012 be a year that you will be stirred, guided, edified and led by the Holy Spirit so that you will be an encouragement and comfort to people around you and likewise, you yourself will also be encouraged, comforted and edified in the wisdom, counsel, joy and peace that come when the Holy Spirit dwells within you. Alleluia!