Wind and Fire – Cheat Code #3

We are in a series dedicated to the Holy Spirit. As you give, you are transforming places all over the globe. It opens doors for people to go and create a place for the Holy Spirit to inhabit.

E4 Leaders – Linda (Do not say her last name!)

Video:

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**TIME**

We have been focusing all year long on community and, even deeper, Family. However, the most critical community we need is the Trinity.

The Trinity is a proper name to reference The Father (God), the Son (Jesus), and The Holy Spirit.

The Bible refers to the Holy Spirit as Wind and Fire. The Holy Spirit is God's presence (Wind) and God's power (Fire) on Earth.

* In week one, we connected to the Holy Spirit.
* Last week, we saw the importance of coordinating and cooperating with the Holy Spirit.
* Today, we will see how committed the Holy Spirit is to you.

John 14:16-17

**16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another***Helper***, to be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:25-26

**25** “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. **26** But the ***Helper***, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 15:26-27

**26** “But when the ***Helper*** comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. **27** And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 16:7

**7 “**Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the ***Helper*** will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”

You can only access the power once you are in a relationship with the person. The depth of the relationship determines the amount of authority you operate in.

**TIME**

This message is vital because Jesus gives us the "How" to become like Him.

Many of us have gotten this part of the promise backward. It is not how committed we are, but understanding how committed Holy Spirit is.

Holy Spirit is not here by our command and goodness, so he will not leave because of our mess-ups and failures.

Holy Spirit is here at the command (promise) of the Father, paid for by the completed work of Christ.

John 14:17b “You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

The more we understand The Completed Work of Christ," the greater the *Advantage* we will have.

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How do we gain access to the Advantage? There are 3 baptisms for the New Covenant Believer.

Hebrews 6:1-2 “**1** Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, **2** and of instruction about *baptisms*, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.”

**TIME**

1) Baptism in the Body of Christ or Born Again baptizing you into the **C**hurch

I Corinthians 12:13: "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit."

* This is the Baptism *of* the Holy Spirit when you're born again.
* You become part of His Body, the Church. The Holy Spirit baptizes you into the **C**hurch.

Matthew 3:11-12

**11** “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **12** His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

* Jesus does the Baptism *in* the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 12 & Matthew 3 Are grammatically and theologically different.

**TIME**

2) Baptism in Water - Outward display of the inward work

Matthew 28:19: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Colossians 2:12: "having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead."

Romans 6:3-4

**3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

* Symbolic of a cutting away of the old self and being born into the new.

**TIME**

3) Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11: "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

Mark 1:8: **“**I have baptized you with water, but *he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*

Luke 3:16: "John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit* and fire.”

John 1:33: "I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit *descend and remain*, this is *he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’*

* Under the Old Covenant, the Holy Spirit would only descend on people for a time and then lift.
* John said that when He baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and remained.
* This is His plan for us as well.

Very few things are mentioned in all 4 Gospels. Things that are... His death, His resurrection, and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. As important as his birth is, it is not mentioned in all four Gospels.

**TIME**

So, what is the ADVANTAGE?

Holy Spirit, He is more than a head start. He is the secret code to unlimited life.

*Contra Video Game Picture:*

Cheat Code – Up, Up, Down, Down, Left, Right, Left, Right, B, A, Start!

It is not cheating if the creator made it possible.

This gives you unlimited (30 lives) lives, access to special weapons, and almost becoming invincible.

The Advantage is that if you messed up, you didn't have to start over and do better on your own abilities.

YOU HAVE THE CODE!

You have that same advantage. You have Holy Spirit.

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**Additional Content:**

**The Promise of the Father**

Luke 24:49: "And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:4-5 **4** And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

* These are the very last words that were recorded before he Ascended.
* The Last words of Jesus were not "GO"; they were "WAIT!"

**3 Texts That Mention All 3 Baptisms**

Acts 2:37-39

**“37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **38** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Acts 8:5,12,14-15

**“5** Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.”

**“12** But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”

**“14** Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, **15** who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 19:1-6

**“1** And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. **2** And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” **3** And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John's baptism.” **4** And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” **5** On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.”

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