Topic: The Inner Witness  
Main Text: Romans 8: 12-17

The Inner Witness is the voice of the Spirit of God to our spirit. It is a strong conviction in our hearts – a quiet confidence and assurance about the will of God (Romans 8: 16). The Holy Spirit gives this to every believer (Galatians 4: 6). As Christians, when we are filled with the spirit, He equips us with the power over sin, sickness and every work of the enemy (1 John 3: 8). As we grow in the spirit, we move from fighting the adversary and attain the level of service to God. At this level, the Holy Spirit also equips us with the power to serve (Acts 1: 8; 10: 38) and causes us to become an oppressor to anything that seeks to oppress us.

However, sometimes we are unaware of the fact that the power is now in our hands because we do not get ourselves acquainted with the ‘Inner Witness’, which is the Holy Spirit, within us. It is this acquaintance with the Inner Witness that gives us the confidence that we cannot be defeated no matter the circumstance. This conviction takes us to that place where like Prophet Isaiah prophesied of our Lord Jesus Christ, we would no longer judge by the sight of our eyes (Isaiah 11: 2-3), how we feel or what people are saying; the economic situation will not determine who we are. The inner witness is that communication of the overruling spirit confirming who we are irrespective of the situation we are facing or what is going on around us (1 John 4: 4). It is important that we allow the Holy Spirit to overrule the affairs of our lives and confirm the promises of God in our lives assuring you of victory and dispelling all lies of the enemy.

What is the importance of the inner witness? Why do we need the inner witness? What do we get from the witness of the Spirit? What are the characteristics of the Inner Witness?

- The Holy Spirit places the kingdom of God over and above anything else in our lives (Psalm 16: 8). When we are focused on the kingdom, the enemy cannot push us out of our purpose.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to seek the kingdom with all of our hearts and strength (Matthew 6: 33). We cannot do it on our own (John 15: 5; 14: 26), we need the help of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit gives us joy and peace in our spirit when we take decisions (Galatians 5: 22; Romans 8: 14).
- The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to pray and ASK (Ask Knock Seek) as we ought (Romans 8: 20; James 1:5).

In order to live a victorious life, you must embrace the following:
1. Know that you are a child of God without any shadow of doubt. Be confident of who you are in Christ.
2. Let the kingdom of God be above all preferences of life for you.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to seek the kingdom of God.
4. Ask God to give you the peace and joy when it comes to making decisions so that you can clearly decipher what is and is not of God.
5. Ask God to give you the maturity and grace to turn away from evil from afar, without soiling your hands.

Prayer Points
1. Give God praise for your salvation. Thank Him for the Holy Spirit that is within you giving you the quiet confidence and assurance that you belong to Him; thank Him for the victory that you have over the power of the enemy.
2. Ask for the grace to set your heart on kingdom things and to be fully yielded to Him in service.
3. Pray for souls, that the inner witness of who you are in Christ would cause you to witness His love to the world; that men and women would come to Him through you.
4. Take prayer requests.