VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Holy Spirit at Work in You

NOTE: Lesson CWL077 begins by continuing review from Lesson CWL076 (03/05/95B) at page CWL/238 (02-21-95 CWL071) through to page CWL/255 (03-05-95A CWL076), resuming study at Philippians 2:13.

The power source which enables the believer to maintain his motivation for the advance is the subject of verses 13-14.

Philippians 2:13 [CTL] - For it is the Holy Spirit who is at work in you both to motivate the desire and to execute above and beyond God's good pleasure.

The verse begins with the present active indicative of the verb: eimi - "to be."

present - Static; a condition which perpetually exists. The mission of the Holy Spirit is to be constantly vigilant in the protection of the believer's soul. When pressures from outside adversity confront the believer, He accesses the stream of consciousness and brings to his remembrance the doctrines which apply to the situation.

active - Holy Spirit produces the action in the soul of the spiritual adult.

indicative - Declarative; reality

Theos - "God the Holy Spirit"

The process of the Holy Spirit's protection of the believer's soul is expressed next by the present active participle from the verb: *energeo* - "to be at work."

Remember in Philippians 2:12 we had the verb *katergazomai* which indicated that the believer had to perform the work of cultivating his soul in order to harvest his own deliverance from danger.

This had to do with positive volition and a willing submission to the teachings of Scripture in preparation for dealing with outside adversities.

This spiritual photosynthesis of course needs a source of energy and we have established that the energy source to be the Holy Spirit.

Energeo is the word which establishes this concept.

present - Retroactive progressive; denotes what was begun in the past and continues into the present time. At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit indwells and fills the soul of the believer. Under positive volition and a willingness to learn, He instructs and guides the believer in his dealings with the Devil's world.

active - Holy Spirit produces the action by supplying the energy to advance.

participle - Circumstantial; for the volitional submission of the believer to the Holy Spirit's power.

That the Person of the Trinity indicated here is in fact the Holy Spirit is found in the prepositional phrase:

en + su - "in you." It is the Holy Spirit who indwells the believer for the purpose of energizing the Christian way of life.

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This indicates that the believer who chooses to cultivate his soul has the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the task.

The harvest is victory in the Angelic Conflict.

That victory is won through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit who indwells and fills the believer.

During the cultivation process the Holy Spirit motivates the believer to continue the advance.

When spiritual maturity is reached, the Holy Spirit is able to supply the energy to fight the battles introduced by the Angelic Conflict.

The application of biblical problem-solving devices is the harvest reaped under the pressure of outside adversity through the Holy Spirit's enabling power.

This motivation and energy to live and then execute the Christian walk comes up in the next phrase, introduced by the conjunction: