

The Bible shows us that we are made up of a Spirit Soul and Body. (1 Thessalonians 5 v 23)

When we become a Christian and invite Jesus to be Lord of our life, our Spirit is immediately transformed; the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in our spirit. Our Spirit is therefore perfect in the sight of God. He sees us as having the right to stand before Him in heaven. (2 Cor 5 v 17, Heb 4 v16). However, for our soul (essentially our mind, will, emotions, personality, memory) and for our physical body, it is rarely an instantaneous transformation (although some physical or mental illness or freedom from addiction can occur immediately). For most of us the gradual renewing of our souls and bodies (referred to as 'ongoing sanctification') happens over the rest of our lives.

With the Holy Spirit within us we can grow in the love and knowledge of Jesus and the fruits of the spirit (Gal 5 v 22&23). We can also pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts to equip us for witness and service. (1 Cor 12 v 8-10) just as the Holy Spirit fell at Pentecost. As we spend time with Jesus, praying, reading the Bible, etc the reality of our faith grows.

When we become a Christian, we move from being in the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of Christ (Col 1 v13) and we start to become aware of the spiritual battle that goes on around us. Whilst Jesus' death and resurrection defeated Satan in the spirit realm and in our spirits, currently Satan still has considerable influence over the world through the unsaved. (1 John 5 v19). Satan can also affect us by those parts of our soul/body that have not yet been sanctified. (Romans 6 v 16).

Despite our best efforts of walking closely with Jesus, we can still find ourselves unable to break free of past patterns of behaviour such as fears and anger, that hold us back developing in Christ. When this happens, we may need help with understanding and sorting out these unwanted patterns. Usually it is because they are deep rooted in our soul or body. They could be connected to a hidden past hurt, or an unconfessed sin in our lives; unfortunately, because Satan still has considerable power in this world, it can even be because of hidden hurts or sins in our family lines. Whilst those who are in Christ have no need to fear God's punishment for 'the sins of their fathers' (Exodus 34 v 6-7, Leviticus 26 v 39), Satan can still use past sins and hurts of our family line to affect us. He came to steal, kill and destroy, (John 10 v 10) and it seems from the experience of prayer ministers, that he can still do this to Christians through their own past, and that of their family line.

So, the ministry model used by Dunamis enables the prayer minister to work with the power of the Holy Spirit, in the authority of Jesus, to help people uncover, understand, and deal with these unwanted patterns of behaviour that are stopping them from developing potential in Christ. Because the Holy Spirit lives within us, and can also empower us from above, the prayer minister can help us to meet with Jesus Christ in a deeper way where He will gently but powerfully shine light into the areas of our lives or our family line that need healing or cleansing. The prayer minister will help the person to forgive, repent, renounce lies that are embedded in our minds etc in order to break 'the hold' of the unwanted pattern of behaviour.

On occasions if the hurt or sin has been profound or deeply hidden for a long time, this may have allowed a demonic influence to be set up over the person's life. There are many instances in the Bible where Jesus' healing ministry included setting people free from demonic influences. Quite often if all of the pain and hurt is exposed and dealt with, the demonic influence will just leave. Sometimes it might be necessary for the prayer minister, in the authority of Jesus to command the demonic influence to leave. It can be that if there is more than one root cause, more than one prayer ministry session will be necessary.