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WITNESS IN THE SPIRIT

Romans 8:16 says, ***“The Spirit itself (himself) beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”***

Have you ever met someone and immediately you knew they were Christians? Have you ever wondered how you could “know in your knower” that this was the case?

When Jesus’ mother Mary, pregnant with Jesus, went to visit her older cousin Elizabeth, it says in Luke 1: ***“and it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.”*** John the Baptist was that baby in Elizabeth’s womb. Before he was conceived, it tells us his story in Luke 1:15. The angel Gabriel visited his father, Zechariah and told him: ***“he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother’s womb.”***

When we become born again, the Holy Spirit dwells in us, just like it did John the Baptist and other Spirit-filled people in the Bible. The Holy Spirit in you recognizes the Holy Spirit in others. That is the “witness in the Spirit.” This witness helps us to discern who is with us and who is against us. You “know” they are part of the “family of God” by this witness.

There is a day coming when we may have to totally depend upon this “witness in the Spirit” to save our lives. Persecution is already happening across the world. We will not be able to ask people if they are Christians for fear of being killed, but we can have the “witness in the Spirit” let us know.

When John leaped in the womb it was because he recognized the Spirit of God in Mary. Then when that happened John’s mother was filled with the Holy Spirit and started to prophesy. Yes, we can know the legitimate from the counterfeit by this witness. Ask God to reveal to you those that are His, and you will see how it works. He wants us to be led by Holy Spirit into all truth.