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The Holy Spirit is Lord in the Church. He is the Life and the power of Christ's Resurrection in us. It is a glory to Christ to acknowledge and invite the presence of the Spirit into our midst. It is a glory to Christ to acknowledge that the power to live a life for Christ is in the Holy Spirit alone.

The Spirit bears witness to Christ as Lord over all creation. He bears witness to the blood that cleanses us of our sins and fills our testimony of Christ's salvation and Lordship over us all.

Taking on the salvation of Christ requires a willingness to lay down our lives and surrender to the will of God. The Spirit calls us out of this world but we listen with half intent because we are still rooted in this world and its desires. We are called to take on the crucifixion of Christ as our own. The Spirit desires to empower us to die to the passions of this world. He calls us to receive the crucifixion of Christ as our own and live for the Kingdom of God.