

Fire Catchers Classroom

Shifting Atmospheres

INTRODUCTION

Atmosphere (def'n) = the surrounding influence; air surrounding the earth; the totality of surrounding conditions and circumstances affecting growth or development; the spiritual climate.

We are surrounded by atmosphere. The earth has an atmosphere, and your home has an atmosphere, even your favourite coffee shop has an atmosphere. You can move from one atmosphere to another but you cannot occupy 2 different atmospheres at the same time.

Example:



Question: When you come to a spiritual divide, do you _____ or do you _____?

Daniel 10:12-14 Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have become of your words. **But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me 21 days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.** Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.



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PART 1:

IDENTITY (passive)

As healthy physical beings, you don't have to remember to breathe, circulate your blood, or help digest food. All your body systems operate independent of your choice to allow it or not. Once you were conceived, there was nothing you or anyone else had to do to keep you alive. In fact, most of the time you probably aren't even aware they are working.

Likewise all believers have specific characteristics, which are not dependent upon our choice to activate them.

John 1:4 _____ came into being of him, for his life is light for all _____

Matthew 5:14 Your lives light up the world.

Acts 13:47 This will fulfill what the Lord has commanded us: I have destined you to become a _____ for the nations and release salvation to the ends of the earth.

Even a dim light, shines in the dark.

Matthew 5:13 Your lives are like salt among the people.

Salt is an amazing compound. It _____ and _____

Ephesians 2:19 So you are not foreigners or guests, but rather you are the children of the city of the holy ones, with all the _____ as _____ of the household of God.

Romans 11:29 And when God chooses someone and graciously imparts gifts to him, they are never rescinded.

Contrary to what Taylor Swift says, some things you can't "shake it off".



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IDENTITY (_____)

You are _____ than the sum of the involuntary systems that exist and operate despite that you had no choice or knowledge. You can play football, you can paint, and you can learn to paint. You can choose to be humble or entitled. At its most basic, your body will keep you alive, but how much you learn and investigate your body's capability is your choice. The choice to act upon your knowledge will affect how you live.

Likewise as a Believer, you do not choose to be a _____. You ARE a witness to life in Christ. However, you get to choose _____ you are a witness.

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be _____ and of _____ do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Psalms 92:12-14 Yes! Look how you've made all your lovers to flourish like palm trees, each one growing in victory, standing with strength! You've transplanted them into your heavenly courtyard where they are thriving before you.

Ephesians 1:3 Every spiritual blessings in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus – all because he sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate him with all our hearts.

John 15: I am the sprouting vine and you're my _____. As you live in union with me as your source, _____ will stream from within you – but when you live separated from me you are powerless.

1 John 1:7 But if we keep living in the pure light that surrounds him, we share unbroken fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, continually cleanses us from all sin.



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1 Peter 2:9 But you are God's _____ priests who are kings, a spiritual nation set apart as God's devoted ones. He called you out of the darkness to experience his marvellous light, and now he claims you as his very own. He did this so that you would broadcast his glorious wonders throughout the world.

The role of a priest is to represent God to the people; to explain God. In the OT, only the Levite priests could have this role, but because the Mosaic Covenant has been destroyed, and we have a new, and better Covenant, how can we be priests?

Answer: _____

PART 2:

OBJECT _____ (external)

Question: Can worship flags shift/change the atmosphere?

- No, worship flags on their own do not change anything
- Yes, specific worship flags can shift the atmosphere but only for a specific user
- Yes, all worship flags can shift the atmosphere for any user.
- Yes, anything can be used as a worship flag and can shift the atmosphere for a specific user

Scripture doesn't answer the question, but it does provide clues:

Luke 8:44 Pressing in through the crowd, she came up behind Jesus and touched the tassel of his prayer shawl. Instantly her bleeding stopped and she was healed.

Acts 5:15 When people knew Peter was going to walk by, they carried the sick out to the streets and laid them down on cots and mats, knowing the incredible power emanating from him would _____ them and heal them.



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_____ Because of this, people took Paul's handkerchiefs and articles of clothing, even pieces of cloth that had touched his skin, laying them on the bodies of the sick, and disease and demons left them and they were healed.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 For although we live in the natural realm, we don't wage a military campaign employing human weapons, using manipulation to achieve our aims. Instead, our _____ are energized with divine power to effectively dismantle the defenses behind which people hide. We can **demolish every deceptive fantasy** that opposes God and break through every arrogant attitude that is raised up in defiance of the true knowledge of the God...Since we are armed with such _____ we stand **ready to punish any trace of rebellion**, as soon as you choose complete obedience.

2 Samuel 6:6-7 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the _____ and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah and God struck him there for his error, and he died there by the ark of God.

COLORS

Question: Do colors shift/change the atmosphere?

- o No, colors don't change the atmosphere
- o Yes, specific colors change the atmosphere in specific way
- o Yes, all colors equally change the atmosphere the same

Based on findings in my science fair project in 1985-86, in which I determined if, and how much, color affected the physiological and emotional behaviours of a human being, the answer is yes. Color does cause changes to our physical and emotional systems (atmospheres). A recent search on Wikipedia and Psychology Today confirms the 30 year findings.



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Color also has frequency and varying wave lengths; anything that has a frequency can either add or subtract to the current atmosphere when a new frequency is introduced. (all that to say, smart scientists who study this for a living confirm that when colors (all colors) are introduced into an environment, it can and will shift the atmosphere.

PART 3: _____ FOR SHIFTING ATMOSPHERES

SCENARIO #1 - Easy

Pick one:

1. You show up, strong in faith
2. Anointed flags
3. Receiver, full of faith
4. Angels on Assignment

SCENARIO #2 – Easiest/Most Pleasant

Corporate Gatherings

Scripture reference: Revelations 4-5, worship increases _____

1. Four creatures, Rev 4:8
2. 24 Elders, Rev 4:10
3. Myriad of angels, Rev 5:11
4. Every living being, Rev 5:13

SCENARIO #3 – Minimal

We can change/shift atmospheres where there is an invitation.

Mark 6:5 He was unable to do any _____ in Nazareth, except to heal a few of the sick people by laying his hands upon them.

