

## COME HOLY SPIRIT

The Spirit of God is willing to live in you, transforming your life and enabling you to be God's vessel and instrument in your world.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ In Exodus 33, Moses prayed to God: "Please, show me your glory" (v. 18). Shortly before, he had prayed, "God, without Your Presence, we can't go any further, we can't walk another mile, we can't live" (see v.15).
- ❖ David, too, often got to that place of desperately needing God. In one of his deepest valleys he prayed, "God, please don't cast me away from Your presence; don't take Your Holy Spirit from me" (Psalm 51:11).
- ❖ The prophet Ezekiel was taken to a valley of absolute hopelessness (37:1). That valley held the remains of a people – their dead, dry bones. But Ezekiel watched as the wind of God began to blow upon those scattered, battered, bleached bones. Miraculously, they came together and arose as a massive, mighty army (v. 10).
- ❖ God's messenger, Joel, prophesied that in the last days God would pour out His Spirit – not just on one valley of dry bones, not just on people with special roles (e.g. prophets, priests or kings). God would pour His Spirit on all flesh – on 'whosoever will' (Joel 2:28).
- ❖ But beyond our reaching toward God, God is calling out to us! Revelation 22:17 invites: "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely." God is calling us to come and receive freely of God's Spirit and His salvation.
- ❖ Jesus called to a crowd of hot, dry, thirsty people: "...If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...." (John 7:37-39)
- ❖ If you're thirsty – a thirst that people or things or food or money can't satisfy – Jesus said there's only one thing to do: Jesus is calling you to drink of His Spirit.
- ❖ He taught His followers that the Holy Spirit comes to a life that is willing to be obedient to God (Jn. 14:15-17).
- ❖ What does the Holy Spirit do?
- ❖ There's neither time nor space for a complete list that identifies all that the Holy Spirit does. Added to that, we have limited knowledge about the workings of the Spirit of God.
- ❖ Jesus said of the Spirit, "The wind blows where it wants to. We can hear the sound of it, but from our human perspective we cannot know where it's coming from or where it's going. We can feel the moving of the Spirit and see the evidence of His work, but the more we try to explain, perhaps the less we get it right. However, the scriptures tell us the following:
  - 🔥 The Holy Spirit creates – both physically (Genesis 1:2) and spiritually (Ps. 51:10)
  - 🔥 He comes alongside us as a Helper (Jn. 14:26)

### KEY SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:4-5, 8

- 🔥 He teaches us (Jn. 14:26)
- 🔥 He brings the word of God to our remembrance (Jn. 14:26)
- 🔥 Makes us aware of sin and salvation, and draws our hearts to God (Jn. 16:7-11, 6:44)
- 🔥 Enables us to see truth, and to understand spiritual things (Jn. 16:12-16, 1 Corinthians 2:10-13)
- 🔥 Enables us to be witnesses that God is real and to share the good news of Jesus Christ – God in a human body (Acts 1:8).
- 🔥 Confers Gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12).
- 🔥 Equips us to engage in spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:10-18, 2 Cor. 10:3-5)
- 🔥 Enables us to bear Fruit of the Spirit, the chief of which is love (John 15:8, Galatians 5:22-25, 1 Cor. 13, Romans 5:5)
- ❖ But there's a caution that we need to be aware of in Ephesians 4:30 – serious words: "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."
- ❖ How can a person avoid grieving the Holy Spirit? Ephesians 4:25-32 gives one set of many scriptural directions to guide us.
- ❖ But am I willing to change how I live so that the Spirit of God is pleased to dwell with me?
- ❖ We know our lives need more of the power of the Holy Spirit. We can't live the way God wants us to live based on our own willpower.
- ❖ To be of any use in the truly important things of life, we need Him within. We need to pray "Come, Holy Spirit," every day, all the time.
- ❖ Do you feel that way? Is that prayer welling up inside you: Come, Holy Spirit? Throughout history, whenever and wherever people set their hearts to seek God, genuinely saying, "Come, Holy Spirit", the Holy Spirit has come.
- ❖ Let's pay that prayer today and always: "Come, Holy Spirit."

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. What evidence do you have that God has given you His Spirit? Share and discuss with the group.
2. Which of the works of the Holy Spirit listed above (and any others you see in scripture), have been most evident in your own life, or are you most grateful for?
3. Do you desire (more of) the Holy Spirit in your life? Pray now. Pray always. Search, believe and obey the scriptures (Matthew 5:6, John 5:38-40, 14:15-17, Ephesians 5:18). His Spirit will come!

### PRAYER TIME

Come, Holy Spirit, I pray. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start-up: When you think of the word "spirit", what are all the things you think of? What do you define as a person's "spirit"?

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔️ (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

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**PRAYER FOCUS: Foreign missionaries: anointing to preach the gospel and to lead and empower national workers; family unity, personal protection**



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Holy Spirit rain down, rain down  
Let Your fire fall  
Let Your voice be heard  
Come and change our hearts  
As we stand on Your Word  
Holy Spirit, rain down

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## FAITH FOUNDATIONS

### GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Share Jesus

*2020 ~the year of vision~ 2020*

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*"But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams... And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'"*  
*Acts 2:16-21 NKJV*

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship: 8:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

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