



MISUNDERSTANDING THE SPIRIT

Week Six: Jesus and the Spirit

TODAY'S VERSES:

John 20:21-22
John 14:15-21
Matthew 5:43-45
Matthew 6:26
Matthew 6:34
Galatians 5
Philippians 2
Luke 2:52
Matthew 24:36
Luke 3:22
Acts 2:1-4
Luke 4:16-27
Acts 2:14-36
Zechariah 4:6
1 Kings 18
Acts 1:8
John 8:14
John 19:10-11
John 14:25-27

UPCOMING:

Christmas Eve Service:
12/24 @6pm

Dress warm and bring your lawn chairs for an outdoor Christmas Concert. Save room for dessert as Crave Donuts will be here!

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DISCUSSION NOTES & QUESTIONS:

In week 6 of this series there is a lot we have covered and a lot we have not covered. Today, the last Sunday before Christmas, we will look at how Jesus saw and interacted with the Spirit. What does a life full of the Holy Spirit actually look like? It looks like Jesus.

Before today, if you were asked, "what is the defining gift of the Holy Spirit," what would you have said?

Where in Scripture do you see Jesus relating to, or relying on, the Holy Spirit?

How does knowing Jesus' relationship with the Father show us how saturated with love His life was?

Read John 14:15-21.

In these verses you see Jesus has a generous relationship with the Father (I will ask, He will give), His relationship with the Father is marked by deep trust, Jesus has intimacy and connection, a union with the Father (I am in my father), and Jesus has the love of the Father.

What might it look like for your life to be thoroughly saturated with the love of God?

How would being full of the Spirit enable us to do so?

In Philippians chapter 2 we are told that Jesus in humility came for us. As a human He divested Himself of "God-ness" in order to show us how we were meant to live, in reliant trust in the Holy Spirit.

If Jesus limited access to His God-ness, how does He do what He does?

Do you believe that you have access to the same person and power that Jesus did?

Jesus depended on the power of the Spirit. If He did, how much more should we?

What would you say is the source of strength for your life?

How does that get played out day to day?

How do we know the Spirit is living among us?

Have you seen the fruit of the Spirit growing, starting with love, evident in your life?

In Jesus the deepest reality is the love of God that is absolute, this permeates His entire being and affects every aspect of His life. What does He have? The love of God...He knows that love BECAUSE He is filled with the Spirit. Jesus wants to give that power and grace to us.

Do you *want* the Power of the Holy Spirit?

If not, why not?

If you do, what is your motivation?

Do you feel like you are living with the same inner life as Jesus?

If that were to begin to happen, what would change in your life?

This week spend some time thanking the Spirit for glorifying Jesus in our lives, bringing about His fruit. Thank Him for His love, for empowering us, removing fear, enabling us to have the same inner life as Jesus that then translates to our outer life. Ask Him to free us from being enslaved to anything but the will of God.

What might it look like in our lives if we do what Jesus does, to be His presence in the world?