

Experiencing God's Presence — Part 2

THE HOLY SPIRIT

When Jesus ascended into heaven we lost the ability to experience the physical presence of God. However, God provided another means to ensure that each and everyone could have a direct experience with Christ in the form of the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

To Experience God's presence we first need to understand who the Holy Spirit is, what His role is and how we interact with Him.

1. What can you learn about the Holy Spirit from what Jesus says to his disciples the night before he dies?

John 14:15-18 _____

Counsellor, world cannot accept, lives in us, represent Christ in us

John 14:25-27 _____

Counsellor, will teach you and remind you of Christ's words

John 15:26-27 _____

Counsellor will testify the truth, that we must also testify if we have the spirit

John 16:5-15 _____

Convict the world of guilt, guide you into truth, represent Christ,

2. How can you know for sure whether God has given you His Holy Spirit?

Luke 11:13 _____

God will give the Holy Spirit if you ask him

Acts 2:38 _____

Repent and you will receive the Holy Spirit

Acts 5:32 _____

God gives the Holy Spirit to those that obey/respond to him

Romans 5:5 _____

Poured out his life through the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:4-7 _____

It is through the Holy Spirit that we are cleansed (rebirth and renewal, made righteous), the Holy Spirit makes us realise that we need this, we must respond to him.

3. How does the Holy Spirit help you to know for sure that you belong to Jesus?

Ephesians 1:13-14 _____

Holy Spirit seals us into a marriage with Christ.

Galatians 4:6 _____

The Son's Spirit is in our hearts, we call out abba father

1 Corinthians 12:3 _____

When you confess Jesus is your Lord, are you prepared for Him being Lord

4. So how do you know whether you really have God's Spirit? _____

5. What can you learn about the work of the Holy Spirit from Romans 8:1-17?

Vv 1-4 _____

It is through the Holy Spirit we get Life, and we now live by the Spirit

Vv 5-8 _____

live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires, mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace

Vv 9-11 _____

Made alive by righteousness, the Spirit is evidence of that

Vv 12-17 _____

By the spirit we put to death sin in our bodies, the spirit testifies that we are God's children

6. How is God's Spirit changing us?

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 _____

where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (freedom!)

Galatians 5:16-26

Vv 16-18 _____

live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature, if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

Vv 19-21 _____

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

If you continue in this type of life you do not controlled by the Spirit.

Vv 22-26 _____

*But the **fruit** of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other*

Presence of the Holy Spirit will produce Christ-like qualities.

How have you experienced freedom? _____

7. What do we need to be careful about in responding to the work of God's Spirit?

Acts 7:51 _____

Do not resist the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:15-21 _____

Be wise in how you live. Understand the Lord's will. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 _____

Do not put out the Spirit's fire; Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil

Galatians 5:25 _____

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

8. Read Ephesians 4:30

In what ways do you 'grieve' the Holy Spirit? _____

9. What do we learn about our relationship with the Holy Spirit in Philippians 4:4-9?

v. 5 _____

The Lord is near

v. 6 _____

Do not be anxious about anything, by prayer with thanksgiving, present your requests to God

v. 7 _____

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

vv. 8-9 _____

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.***