

Communing with The Holy Spirit

The reality that God comes to visit us and talk to us is one of the most amazing truths of the Christian faith. When you pray, He doesn't just listen from a distance - He comes and sits right down with you, manifests Himself to you, and wants to walk with you when you leave your prayer closet.

What Does It Mean to Walk in the Spirit?

Walking in the Spirit means walking in an awareness of God. It's being conscious of the Spirit of God, who is the part of God that is actually with us here on earth. The Trinity consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - three distinct personalities all wrapped up in one, like a team made up of many players.

The Holy Spirit is the one who is here in the earth now to help us. When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension to heaven, the Holy Spirit came to earth on the day of Pentecost and has never left.

How Do We Receive the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is already here - He doesn't need to come from heaven again. The question isn't about getting the Holy Spirit to come, but about receiving Him. As Paul asked the disciples in Acts 19:2, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

You can't receive someone you don't believe in, and you can't believe in someone who hasn't been explained to you. Many believers have never been baptized with the Holy Spirit because they simply don't understand or believe in this experience.

The Evidence of Receiving the Holy Spirit

When you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you receive power. Jesus said, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." The initial evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues - a heavenly language that comes as a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Why Is Communion with the Holy Spirit Important?

Second Corinthians 13:14 speaks of "the communion of the Holy Spirit." This communion is intimate and deep fellowship with God. Prayer becomes exciting when you understand that the Holy Spirit wants to get in there with you, talk to you, and reveal things to you.

Many people don't look forward to prayer because they haven't discovered this reality. They do all the talking without expecting God to visit with them. But the Holy Spirit wants to give you understanding, establish your thoughts, and reveal things to you that you didn't just think up on your own.

What Is Your Ministry Assignment?

Every Christian should be looking for their ministry assignment each day. You're in church to be trained and equipped for the work of the ministry. This doesn't mean you have to be an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, or teacher - those offices exist to equip you for your ministry.

There's a divine appointment for you as a member of the body of Christ. Someone you're supposed to minister to, something you're supposed to do for the kingdom of God. If you're not looking for it and praying about it, you'll likely miss it.

Starting Where You Are

Look at Paul and Barnabas - they didn't start as apostles. They began by helping, carrying messages, teaching Bible studies, and encouraging others. After they fulfilled their ministry faithfully, the Holy Spirit commissioned them for greater things. Ministry starts day by day, finding and fulfilling your daily assignment.

How Can We Develop God Consciousness?

Psalms 139 reveals how conscious God is of us - He knows our sitting down and rising up, understands our thoughts, and is acquainted with all our ways. Despite knowing us completely, He loves us and went to the cross for us.

We need to develop this same consciousness of God. Instead of being controlled by awareness of our flaws and mistakes, we should understand that God has searched us out and approved of us. We're starting from a good place - already accepted and beloved children of God.

Setting Our Minds on the Spirit

Psalm 16:8 says, "I have set the Lord always before me." This is something we must work at - setting our minds on spiritual things rather than fleshly things. Romans 8:5 explains that those who live according to the flesh set their minds on fleshly things, while those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on spiritual things.

When we walk in the Spirit by setting our minds on Him, we won't struggle as much with the flesh. It all comes back to God consciousness - the very thing humanity fell from in the Garden of Eden.

Understanding God's Constant Presence

The psalmist in Psalm 139 was so conscious of God's presence that his attitude was, "How can I get away from Him? He's all around me." Most people cry out, "God, where are you?" But this man of God recognized that God was everywhere - leading him, guiding him, and holding him.

God is already working, already has things figured out, and knows what you need before you ask. He's in all the little things, not just waiting for big, spectacular moments. He's the one who formed you in your mother's womb and brought you safely into this world.

Life Application

This week, challenge yourself to develop a continuous awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence. Start each day by asking, "What's my ministry assignment for today?" Set the Lord always before you, making Him bigger than any person, circumstance, or problem you face.

Practice communion with the Holy Spirit during your prayer time. Don't just do all the talking - expect Him to visit with you, reveal things to you, and establish your thoughts. Remember that you're already approved by God and accepted in the beloved.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Am I walking in awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence throughout my day?
- Do I truly believe that God has searched me out and approved of me?
- What ministry assignment might God have for me today?
- Am I setting my mind on spiritual things or allowing fleshly concerns to dominate my thoughts?
- How can I develop deeper communion with the Holy Spirit in my prayer life?

Quotes

1. "When you pray, He visits you. He comes and manifests Himself to you. He'll sit right down with you and talk to you."
2. "Walking in the Spirit means walking with an awareness of Him—being conscious of the Spirit of God, the very Person of the Godhead who is with us here on the earth."
3. "You should wake up every day looking for your ministry assignment."
4. "There is a divine appointment. There is someone you're supposed to minister to—something you're supposed to do for the Kingdom of God."
5. "The Holy Spirit wants to open your understanding."

6. “The Lord is conscious of you. God is fully aware of you—of what’s going on inside you and everything you’re doing outwardly.”
7. “He went to the cross for you. Nails were driven into His hands and feet for you. Think about that—no one does that for something worthless.”
8. “God searched you out and said, ‘I love this one. I’m going to pour My Spirit into this one. I want to live My life through this one. I want to manifest My glory through this one.’”
9. “We need to learn to like ourselves. How can the world like you if you don’t like you? And how can you love the world if you don’t even love yourself?”
10. “God has examined me, reviewed me, and approved me—so I approve of me.”
11. “I’m not starting at the bottom—I’m starting on the mountaintop. I’m already seated with Him in heavenly places while I tweak and work on myself.”
12. “‘I have set the Lord always before me.’ I want to keep Him in front of me. I don’t want any person to become bigger to me than Him.”
13. “If you walk in the Spirit, you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. You won’t be struggling with the flesh.”
14. “We want it to be that when people get around us, just our presence reminds them of the Holy Spirit—you don’t even have to say a word.”
15. “God has already accepted your works. He has approved you. He has said, ‘This one belongs to Me—this one was born in My kingdom.’”

Verses

1. Acts 1:5
2. Acts 1:8
3. Acts 2:1-4

4. Acts 19:1-7
5. 2 Corinthians 13:11-14
6. Acts 13:1-2
7. Acts 12:25
8. Psalm 139:1-10
9. Joshua 1:8
10. Psalm 1
11. Psalm 16:8
12. Colossians 3:2
13. Romans 8:5
14. Galatians 5:16
15. 1 Corinthians 2
16. Ephesians 4
17. Ecclesiastes

Summary

Walking in the Spirit means living with a constant awareness of God's presence in your daily life. The Holy Spirit, who came to earth on Pentecost and never left, wants to have intimate communion with believers through prayer and fellowship. Every Christian has a ministry assignment and divine appointments that can only be discovered through seeking God's guidance. By setting our minds on spiritual things rather than fleshly concerns, we can experience the power and presence of God throughout each day. God is already working in all the little details of our lives, not just waiting for spectacular moments.