



House of The Spirit

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Being Spirit-filled is fundamental (who we are) and foundational (how we build and grow together) for us as God's people. The House of the Spirit is being built by the Holy Spirit, using living stones, each of whom He wants to fill with the fulness of Christ. In this message we look at the practical implications of this for us all, and each of us personally, by considering the three main aspects of the 'fellowship of the Holy Spirit' (2 Co 13:14) – communion, community, and contribution.



Bible Verses

In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. **Eph 2:22**

Ac 1:8, Eph 2:19-22, 2 Co 13:14, Ac 15:28, Ro 8:14, Ac 2:46; 4:24; 5:12 Php 2:1-4, Ep 4:29, Eph 4:16, 1 Co 14:26, Phil 2:12-13



Key Takeaways

- "This is Us" Spirit-filled because we're the House of the Spirit, built by the Spirit!
- Fundamental (who we are) and Foundational (how we build/grow)
- Corporately (following the Spirit's direction) and personally ('sonship')
- Fellowship [koinonia] of the Holy Spirit (2 Co 13:14) means our *Communion* (through Him), *Community* (in Him 'one accord') and *Contribution* (each part working properly)
- Follow up to the message Koinonia paper on LRC Grow



Questions

- What is your earliest personal memory of the Holy Spirit? How did your relationship change after that?
- What does 'led by the Spirit' now look like to you, day to day?
- How would you describe how the Holy Spirit has helped you 'walk in step' (in one accord) with others in the body of Christ?
- Consider the two key challenges of the Koinonia paper Validation and Vulnerability – how has your revelation of God's grace and love grown, and how does this affect where you seek validation and how you show vulnerability?
- Whenever you meet with others in the body, what do you expect to bring?



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Individually...

- Take some time to pray, asking the Holy Spirit which aspects of your life may need more involvement from Him.
- Ask Him to show you those things you may be trying to do without Him. Ask Him for a deeper revelation of what it means to be a 'son of God' (Ro 8:14), i.e., led by the Spirit, including any changes you need to make, both for yourself and how you participate in the body.



In a group...

- Spend some time sharing your personal takeaways from the message and the follow-up Koinonia paper.
- Discuss the above questions, making space for everyone to share.
- Consider how your experience differs from each other (especially validation and vulnerability), and how we can learn from each other.
- Spend some time praying and thanking God for His promise ('wild flowers') to broaden the diversity and richness of our expression as a body. Ask the Spirit to show you how each of us can play our part in this.