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Relationship with The Holy Spirit

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We need more of Jesus

- We need more of the Lord in our lives,
- Who reveals Jesus to us: The Holy Spirit does
- To have more of Jesus we also need more of the Holy Spirit
- He is not a force, an energy, or a commodity to be desired but a person to be honored
- The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus
- If we want more of God the Father, of Jesus, and more of the word of God we must walk in closer communion with the Holy Spirit
- When the Holy Spirit speaks to us He is Representing Jesus, He is called the spirit of Christ

Roman 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His

1 Peter 1:11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

- The Holy Spirit is not a feel-good addition to the church but the very ESSENCE OF CHRIST IN THE CHURCH THEN AND TODAY
- If we refuse to honor the Holy Spirit, the presence and power of Christ will be absent from our lives

Deep friendship with God

James 4:4 Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **5** Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?

- Why does friendship with the world create enmity with God?
- Friendship with the world is the lust of the flesh, the selfish pursuit of gain, status, position, and the indulgence of the flesh.
- The Lord knows that this will only end in emptiness and the demise of our souls
- The Lord doesn’t like it when we flirt with things that will only lead to our demise and away from him.
- Much like a father seeing his son making all the wrong decisions,
- God is a perfect Father, and as such wants as much of His plan and purpose for His children
- This is why He will not tolerate our friendship with the world.

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.

- This is the will of God for our lives
- That we may have deep friendship and fellowship with our Father

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

- This is possible through The Holy Spirit
- This jealousy is not the jealousy of an insecure partner but that of a loving Father
- When we flirt with the world we displace ourselves from the experience of deep intimacy, fellowship, and friendship with God.
- What a tragic loss— and how it breaks the father’s heart

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Draw near to God 1 Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come

- The promise of **eternal life**: what a beautiful promise for us all to be with the Lord for eternity, heaven, wedding supper of the Lamb, millennial reign, new heavens, new earth, new Jerusalem
- We also have **promises for life in Christ now**: Communion with God through the Holy Spirit
- Only someone who knows God can possess godliness: to be Godly is to be like God
- When we spend time with people they begin to rub off on you
- This is why James follows the statement of friendship with the world **James 4:8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
- If we ever want to be Godly we must spend time with God
- The only way we can develop this deep relationship with God is through His Holy Spirit
- Not physically, or emotionally, but in the Spirit
- The deepest level of relationship with the Holy Spirit is when the Holy Spirit is constantly revealing the deep things of God to us, guiding us, and daily involved in our lives.

Deep things of God

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- Jesus's final moments with His disciples before going to the cross
- They had been with Jesus and followed Him. Was there more to know? Yes
- But Jesus said you can't bear it, even though I am with you now
- You can't receive everything I have for you yet
- The Holy Spirit will make you ready to receive all that I have for you: He will speak my Word, reveal my will, and prepare you for what is to come
- **John 16:7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
- Jesus said that it was an advantage for us to have the Holy Spirit
- When Jesus was here physically He was the exact representation of the Father **John 14:8** Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father
- Jesus is at the right hand of the Father
- The Holy Spirit is the person of the Godhead who is with us, dwells within us, and comes upon us.
- To know the deep things of God they can only be revealed through the Holy Spirit, in the Spirit

Knowing God by His Spirit

Thomas John 20:29 Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

- **What if** this was not a rebuke to Thomas, but rather a statement of the great advantage, blessing, and level of intimacy available to those who would know Jesus by the Holy Spirit
- The relationship with God would be deeper than ever before
- The Holy Spirit visited David, visited Jeremiah, talked with Moses, visited Samson but we would now be the temple of the Holy Spirit

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1 Corinthians 2:10 But. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. **11** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

- To know God superficially or have common knowledge can be obtained with little effort
- As we all know Kobe Bryant, we all had some knowledge but even some of the most diehard Laker fans had more knowledge about Kobe but it was still common knowledge they didn't know Him like His family knew Him,
- Likewise, if we want to go beyond the common knowledge of God and know Him deeply we must do so through the Holy Spirit **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.
- Through the Holy Spirit, we can now have that deep intimacy and knowledge of our Father
- The apostle Paul had a deep level of intimacy with God even though he never walked with Jesus physically

Galatians 1:11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. **12** For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- If men didn't teach him, and he didn't walk with Jesus, he received it through the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 3:15 and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, **16** as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand,

- Peter says there was Wisdom given to Paul
- Some of the things were hard to understand
- Peter even though he walked with Jesus says wow some of what Paul knows is. Hard to understand
- I believe that Paul took the **(advantage) it is for your advantage, (blessing) Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**” of knowing God by His spirit
- By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote the majority of the New Testament even though he didn't physically walk with Jesus like the other apostles, he saw the third heaven and says I saw things I'm not allow to share

We also through the Holy Spirit can receive **1 Corinthians 2:12** not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

- We cannot know Jesus in the flesh for He no longer is here physically **2 corinthians 5:16** Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new
- We can however know Jesus and God the Father in the deepest sense through the Holy Spirit
- We need to know Him not just have knowledge of Him
- Our church needs the presence of the Holy Spirit not just atmosphere
- Atmosphere is good but we also need the presence of the Holy Spirit

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Zechariah 4:6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. It is not by sword or might but by but by His spirit
not of our own strength, influence, works, or abilities but by His spirit

How does that begin? Book of acts: faith, Perseverance (500-120), Unity order (god will not bless something out of order) and Prayer

Acts 1: 14 "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers."

Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all [a]with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them [b]divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.