
...to Love One Another.

Acts 1:8 "... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses (ambassadors, martyrs) in **Jerusalem** (homies), and in all **Judea** (near neighbors) and **Samaria** (different neighbors), and to the **ends of the earth** (foreign neighbors)."

Galatians 5:13-15 You, **my brothers and sisters**, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: **"Love your neighbor as yourself."**

How does the Holy Spirit EMPOWER you to love your neighbors?

1. The Holy Spirit REVEALS Your Hidden Conflicts.

(16-18) If you bite and devour each other, watch out, or you will be destroyed by each other. So, I say, **WALK by the Spirit**, and **you will not gratify the desires of the flesh**. For the flesh (sinful state of human beings) desires what is **contrary** to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in **conflict** with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ... if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

- Flesh VS Spirit
- Cause and Effect (If / Then) i.e., 2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people...pray...then I...
- Psalm 139:23-24 ...Search me ... know my heart, test me ... know my anxious thoughts...
- John 3:6-7 ...you must be born again...

Our Prayer: Holy Spirit, SHOW Me.

2. The Holy Spirit REFINE Your Hidden Motivations

(19-21) The acts of the flesh 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**.

- Who you **WERE** in the world, **NOT** who you **ARE** in Christ
- **FALSE** Christians (M Luther)
- Acts 2:1-4 ... they were filled with the Holy Spirit ...
- 1 Thes.5:19, 23 "Do not put out the Spirit's fire ... May God sanctify you completely ...

Our Prayer: Holy Spirit, CHANGE Me.

3. The Holy Spirit REDEEM (*regenerates*) Your Inner Life.

(5:22-23) But the Holy Spirit **produces** this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

- Galatians 5: 24-25 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.
- Ephesians 4:22-24 ...throw off your old sinful nature ... let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be ... righteous and holy.

Our Prayer: Holy Spirit, USE Me.

Mission: Love Others Outcome: Multiplication of Disciples.

Reflect and Discuss

1. What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you today? How are you going to respond?
 2. How are you responding to the issues the Holy Spirit is bringing to your attention?
 3. How might the “works of the flesh (Gal 5:19-21) impact your ability to “love your neighbor”?
 4. What changes have you noticed in your inner life? How has that affected your outer (relational) life with others?
 5. How might the fruit or evidence of the Holy Spirit impact your ability to “love your neighbor”?
 6. Can you identify new opportunities in which the Holy Spirit desires to use you?
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Next Week

“You Shall Receive Power...”

(Father’s Day Message)

Justin Klinger

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

SUNDAY
16

Father’s Day

ALL MONTH

Sunday Check-In Card:
Fill out and drop in metal buckets at the end of service

SUNDAY
23

Small Group Sunday
The summer small group cycle is almost here! Leaders register your groups before June 16th.



JULY

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