

Holy Spirit 4

The Presence of the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-17 ESV I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Person
Promise
Power
Presence

The Presence of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-4 ESV When the day of Pentecost arrived... **2** suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** And divided **tongues as of fire** appeared to them and rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Fire reveals His Presence.

- 1) **ABRAHAM** Gen. 15:17 When God entered into His covenant with Abraham the Father of the Jewish people, a flaming torch showed up after dark in the wilderness and it moved in and around the pieces of the animals Abraham had sacrificed.
- 2) **MOSES**: When God called Moses, He reached out to him through a Burning Bush (Ex. 3:2).
- 3) **JOHN THE BAPTIST** (Mt. 3:11 NIV) I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**
- 4) **BURNING HEARTS** - Two of His followers were on the road to Emmaus "**Didn't our hearts burn within us** as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us" (Luke 24:32)

The Purpose of God's Presence

Romans 8:1 KJV There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:5,6 NIV Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **6** The mind governed by the flesh is death, but **the mind governed by the Spirit** is life and peace.

- 1) His Presence Leads us in our Walk.
 - a) We love the manifestations of His presence; but ultimately the purpose of the Holy Spirit is our WALK.

- b) The Holy Spirit's job is to govern us in our walk.

Companion passage = Gal. 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

- c) We must keep in Step with the Spirit.

Gal. 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Learn to walk in step with the Spirit.

- 2) His Presence Strengthens us in our Weakness.

Romans 8:26,27 Likewise the Spirit **helps us in our weakness**. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. **27** And he who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- a) He helps us when we are struggling with our Weak Flesh.
- b) He helps us when dealing with the vultures who come trying to Steal your Joy.

He helps us when we get tired of waiting...

- 3) His Presence Assures us in our Waiting.

Romans 8:22-23 NIV We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

- a) The decaying destructive power of sin is all around us. It can be seen in creation and it can be seen in our bodies as we age and battle through our own physical and emotional health.

But like a pregnant woman feeling the aches and pains of her pregnancy she waits with eager anticipation. Something better is coming!

- b) Like a pregnant woman, we are enlarged in our waiting.

Conclusion:

Some of you are facing some difficult challenges right now in your life.

Romans 8:25 ESV But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

