

I. ABIDING IN CHRIST

We are called to live a life of abiding in Christ.

John 15:4-5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

II. THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The new birth is much more than being forgiven. The glory of the New Covenant is that at our new birth, the Spirit makes us one spirit with God. (John 3:5-8; 1 Cor. 6:17; John 14:16-17; 16:15)

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – ¹⁷ The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

1 Cor. 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

The Holy Spirit is a person, not an “it” or a force. He can be grieved (Eph. 4:30), quenched (1 Thes. 5:19), or resisted (Ac. 7:51). We are called to live by the Spirit, not by the flesh (Gal. 5:25; Luke 1:80; Rom 8:6).

III. FIVE PRACTICAL WAYS TO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

“THANK YOU”

We recognize the Spirit’s presence in us simply by thanking Him for it. *“Thank you HS, for Your bright presence in me, I am Yours, manifest Yourself to me.”* (2 Cor. 3:18; Jn. 14:17)

“RELEASE REVELATION”

We are asking the Holy Spirit to release revelation of God’s heart, word and purpose to you (Eph. 1:17-19)

“USE ME”

We thank the Holy Spirit for His power to minister to others. “Thank you, Holy Spirit, for Your gifts and for Your desire to release them in me. Lord, lead me; in my speech (Ps. 141:3), into divine appointments/opportunities (Rom. 8:14), and away from Satan’s traps/temptations. Spirit, I love Your will and ways, therefore, manifest Your leadership in me.” (1 Cor. 12:7; Rom. 8:14)

“STRENGTHEN ME”

“Holy Spirit, Living Flame of Love, thank you for Your indestructible love, peace, patience, and self-control.” (Gal. 5:16, 19, 22-23)

“TEACH ME”

“Consuming Fire, teach me Your ways. I love Your ways and Your thoughts.” (John 14:26; 1 John 2:27)