

## I. THE NECESSITY OF FELLOWSHIPING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. At the new birth, Jesus comes to live in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes to live in our spirit as a real Person. The uncreated God dwelling in us is the core reality of the new birth. 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 14:17). To live the Christian life, we must learn to fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

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

*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever -- <sup>17</sup> ... you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you (John 14:16-17).*

- B. We are called to live by the Spirit, not by the flesh.

*If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit (Gal 5:25).*

When we pay attention primarily to our flesh, we neglect the Spirit. We are aware of when we are hungry, when we are upset, when we are uncomfortable, etc.. We neglect, ignore our spirit, and thus, we neglect and ignore the Holy Spirit, to Whom we are joined.

*So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel (Luke 1:80).*

## II. FIVE PRACTICAL WAYS TO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Principle: we walk in the Spirit by talking with the Spirit. The fundamental way to walk in the Spirit is by maintaining an active dialogue with the indwelling Spirit.

### A. “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.”*

Become aware of the Holy Spirit’s presence in you. Become aware of your spirit because you are joined to the HS. In this, we are honoring and acknowledging His presence in us. We behold and know the Spirit by beholding (gazing upon) Him in our inner man. The NAS translates this as beholding or seeing the Spirit. It suggests gazing into the bonfire of God’s presence.

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord (2 Cor. 3:18)*

### B. “RELEASE REVELATION”

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

He releases small measures of power on our mind and heart, but the power is real. We experience the Spirit's power in small incremental ways like we do with food and water. We must cultivate our friendship with the Spirit, being careful not to quench or resist Him.

C. **“USE ME”**

Being used in the world has a negative connotation. Manipulated, taken advantage of, abused, etc.. To be used by God is the highest honor.

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.”*

***But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all (1 Cor. 12:7).***

D. **“STRENGTHEN ME”**

*“Holy Spirit, Living Flame of Love, thank you for Your indestructible love, peace, patience, and self-control.”*

1. A common misunderstanding is to try to overcome the flesh by fighting it in the power of the flesh. Our focus and fellowship needs to be on the HS, not on darkness. Prayer is not an exercise of meditating on our weakness or our problems.

2. The Holy Spirit empowers our emotions. The emotional resources of the Spirit or the power of God on our emotions has 9 different facets.

***I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh...<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident...<sup>22</sup> But the fruit (result) of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law (NASB Galatians 5:16, 19, 22-23).***

3. We need to focus on the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit in our war against sin. Many put their primary focus on the necessity of denying sinful desires. We walk in the Spirit or walk in the light as the condition for overcoming lust. We remove darkness by turning on the light.

***For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace (NASB Romans 8:6).***

E. **“TEACH ME”**

*“Consuming Fire, teach me Your ways. I love Your ways and Your thoughts.”*

***John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you (John 14:26).***

***cBut the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him (1 John 2:27).***