



## ***Prepare for Holy Spirit***

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### **Introduction**

- Holy Spirit, the mysterious power or presence of God in nature or with individuals and communities, inspiring or empowering them with qualities they would not otherwise possess. The term 'spirit' translates Hebrew (ruach) and Greek (pneuma) words denoting 'wind,' 'breath,' and, by extension, a life-giving element. With the adjective 'holy,' the reference is to the divine spirit, i.e., the Spirit of God.

### **What if there was a better way?**

#### **Proverbs 14:12 (New International Version)**

12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

#### **Romans 10:3 (New King James Version)**

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

### **Be open to receive.**

#### **1 Corinthians 2:14 (Amplified Bible)**

14 But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated.

### **Why do I need Him?**

#### **John 14:16 (Amplified Bible)**

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever



### **Benefits of the Holy Spirit – Coming April 11, 2010**

*There are many worthwhile benefits of living by the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it's easy to lose sight of these benefits perhaps because we're having difficulty experiencing them, or because we're so focused on getting rid of sin in our lives. Getting rid of sin is important, but God also wants us to enjoy the fruits of living for him. After all, Jesus came so that we would have life and life more abundantly (John 10:10).*

### **Why do I need Him? Because He is the ultimate benefit in your life!**

#### **Acts 1:8 (Amplified Bible)**

8But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

### **Just because He has been given to you does not mean you received!**

#### **Romans 5:5 (Amplified Bible)**

5Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.

#### **Romans 5:5 (New Living Translation)**

5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

### **Whatever it takes!**

#### **Luke 11:9-13 (New Living Translation)**

9 "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? 12 Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! 13 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

### **You have to want HIM!**

#### **Matthew 5:6 (Contemporary English Version)**

6God blesses those people who want to obey him more than to eat or drink. They will be given what they want!



### **Matthew 5:6 (Amplified Bible)**

6 Blessed and fortunate and happy and spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-again child of God enjoys His favor and salvation) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God), for they shall be completely satisfied!

### **Matthew 5:6 (New King James Version)**

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

### **Read the Word!**

#### **Revelation 1:3 (New Living Translation)**

3 God blesses the one who reads this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to it and obey what it says. For the time is near when these things will happen.

- Read your notes from the Sunday message
- Read your notes from Bible Study
- Read the Daily Word
- Read a Proverb every day

### **Write the Word!**

#### **Jeremiah 30:2 (The Message)**

1-2 This is the Message Jeremiah received from God: "God's Message, the God of Israel: 'Write everything I tell you in a book.

- Write down your favorite scriptures.
- Write down scriptures you need to meditate on.

### **Hear the Word!**

#### **John 5:25 (New International Version)**

25 I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

- Listen to yourself as you read the Word.
- Get a CD/DVD and play it over and over.
- Talk with your friends about the Word
- Come to Church, Bible Study, Growth Group.



### **Speak the Word!**

#### **Mark 11:23-25 (New King James Version)**

23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

- Speak your confession of Faith over your situation.
- Get friends you can talk with.

### **Remember the Word!**

#### **Deuteronomy 8:18 (New King James Version)**

18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

- Get scripture you need and say it over and over until you remember it.
- Go over the Word from Sunday everyday.
- Get a buddy that will hold you accountable. (Growth Group)

### **Live the Word!**

#### **James 1:25 (Amplified Bible)**

25 But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).

- Do what you know to do.
- Obey what is taught

### **Give the Word!**

#### **2 Corinthians 9:7 (Amplified Bible)**

7 Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving].

- Give people CD/DVD's
- Talk to people about what you learned in Church or Growth Group.
- Give people fliers, cards.
- Invite people to come to Church, Bible Study, Growth Group, Events.
- Share with people what Jesus has done in your life.



### **Prepare for Holy Spirit**

- Read the Word
- Write the Word
- Hear the Word
- Speak the Word
- Remember the Word
- Live the Word
- Give the Word

### **Conclusion**

#### **Psalm 119:105 (The Message)**

105-112 By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.

#### **Psalm 119:105 (New Living Translation)**

105 Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.