

Honouring the Holy Spirit

1) Testimony of prophecy

I was at a Pastors meeting many years ago and a genuine prophet was there, a very humble, lovely man. He began prophesying over the Pastors and it was amazing how he described them and their ministries exactly. He left me until last and all he said was THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR BEST FRIEND. I was amazed and delighted. I knew it was true...

I needed the Holy Spirit so desperately in my life .He is the Helper, which also means *He responds immediately and comes quickly to our sides as we ask for help.*

It's not about us getting Him, it's about Him getting - total submission.

I learned over the years I needed the Holy Spirit in every aspect of my life (I don't have time to elaborate): certainly in our prayers, in reading the Word, in everything. Jesus did too. Jesus said I can do nothing of my own... the Father does HIS WORK THROUGH ME.

Isaiah 61

¹ The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me-to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind to set the oppressed free ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." This is the time of the Lord's favour.

It's the goodness of God that brings repentance - the woman at the well.

2) Psalm 51:10-15

God said King David was a man after His own heart and yet he committed adultery and murder, but here WE SEE DAVIDS HEART. He could have said make me a great king, give me great victories.

v10..create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me, do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

David knew God as a young boy. Before Goliath, he had killed a lion, etc. When he faced Goliath he said I come against you in the name of the Lord. He knew the Lord. There is no doubt *the Holy Spirit was with him then.*

I believe as David cut off Goliath's head with his sword it is a picture of US using the Word to defeat the enemy, just as Jesus did in the wilderness... **"It is written"**

David realised the presence of God and the Holy Spirit were the treasures in his life, and in God's presence he was trusted with great insights: praise and prophecy.

The Holy Spirit tells us of things to come.

Mary sat at Jesus' feet she loved being *in his presence* and in an act of prophetic worship anointed Jesus for burial.

On the road to Emmaus the believers experienced His presence... please “Stay with us” and He did, and He revealed Himself to them in the scriptures. The Holy Spirit more than ever wants to reveal Jesus to his church, in scripture but also in reality, to reveal His glory and beauty again.

My experience at bible college - “stay with me.”

I had timed my time with the LORD so that I could watch a TV program and as I got up to leave, HE WHISPERED STAY WITH ME. I was shocked that He wanted me to stay, and also that I was willing to just walk away from Him.

After an all night prayer meeting He asked me to stay on. Holy Spirit said, “stay with me”, and I was swimming in a river I could feel myself swimming, like the passage in Ezekiel where we can settle for ankle deep etc. or swimming allowing holy spirit to lead (submitting).

We need to treasure His presence, Moses was never satisfied - “show me your glory”, and yet Joshua stayed in God's presence (Ex 33:11) when Moses left after their time with the Lord in the tabernacle. (Interesting Joshua took them into the promised land.)

The precious Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit fell, He embraced them warmly. When the Spirit FELL on the listeners, it means a passionate embrace. Fell is the same same word as when the Father embraced the Lost Son on his return. Acts 10:44.

There is joy in His presence. Jesus was more joyful than any man. He was consistently in His Father's presence... JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH.

Many times and even now, very often in His presence, joy will overflow.

David said CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

His Righteousness WE ARE NEW CREATIONS - *the old has gone the new has come.*

I AM NOT A SINNER (sinful nature). We are RIGHTEOUS (you are what you think).

The problem with thinking you are a sinner is you're always trying to be good.

YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS, Holy Spirit CONVICTS YOU OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

HOLY SPIRIT revealed to me I was righteous and I WEPT. As I believed, I changed. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US THE WORD THEN ENABLES US TO WALK IN IT ...love, joy, peace etc.

I had a recurring sin at one time and I asked the Holy Spirit to help me live in a way that would honour God and He did.

He removed the sin by revealing to me my true nature now - *righteousness*.

I found myself not watching certain programs.

When the enemy tempts, I just say *that's not my nature*.

So I am a righteous son who occasionally falls short.

I just say, “so sorry Lord”, and, “thank you Lord”.

I am righteous because *I've put my trust in my Saviour Jesus*.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit...

I was ministering at a meeting and God's presence was so beautiful and this guy who was leading said, "Right, time up we need to stop now."

IMMEDIATELY THE PRESENCE OF GOD LIFTED. *I was shocked could have slapped him.*

Come to me who are thirsty and drink (receive by faith).

If you're not thirsty (desperate) ask the Holy Spirit to cause you to be thirsty (I HAVE).

DRINK AND RELEASE RIVERS OF HIS PRESENCE.

3) Romans 5: 5

The love of God has been poured in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

THIS IS THE LOVE THAT TOOK JESUS TO THE CROSS.

***speak of the cross extensively ***

God demonstrated His love for us in this while we were still sinners CHRIST DIED FOR US.

We are called to love the Lord with all our hearts and soul and strength and our neighbours as ourselves. THEN HE GIVES US THE AGAPE LOVE WE NEED TO DO JUST THAT.

NONE of us do it perfectly, but just laying your life down (putting our lives on hold) for someone, revealing Gods love will impact their lives.

Without love we are like a clanging bell. Love is a life laid down (glory comes through sacrifice) *** living sacrifice ***

I LOVE EVERYBODY I see people are made in His image - UNIQUE.

I LOVE MYSELF it's the work of the Holy Spirit; He convicts us of righteousness.

As I had a revelation of righteousness I began to walk in it.

BE CHANGED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.(as he thinks so a man is).

The revelation of God's love for me came to me, *then I realised - I WAS RIGHTEOUS and couldn't make myself more righteous. I WEPT.*

Suggested prayer

Holy Spirit reveal to me my true identity, precious Helper I invite you into every area of my life, use me to touch many lives with your love...Amen

The Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

When we truly make him Lord in every area of our lives we find true freedom.

I know it's a process, but like David, allow God to see that's our desire.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.