

Sunday, June 25, 2023
The Holy Spirit “In Me” Series
The Gift of the Spirit

“What is your Favorite Teaching of Jesus?”

Most Frequent Answer:

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and strength.”
(Matthew 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27)*

Others I have heard:

Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33)

Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

What is your favorite teaching of Jesus?

Baptism Represents Our Commitment to Jesus

Baptism represents a public declaration of our commitment to Jesus, (Matthew 3:13-17), a prayer” for cleansing of our life (I Peter 3:21), immersion into the totality of Jesus’ work to transform us (Colossians 2:11-15; Romans 6:3-4), and a decision to become a member of the family of God (John 13:34-35; 15:12-15; 17:22-23).

Next Baptism: Sunday, July 9 (Does that Work for you?)

How Does Jesus Respond to Our Commitment?

The Gift of God’s Spirit

- 1. The Most Relevant Teaching of Jesus to Life is that He can give us the Holy Spirit to Transform Us.**

John 4:10-15

Jesus knew the real needs of the Samaritan woman. Jesus knew her need for something more hopeful than her life experience.

*“but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” **John 4:14***

John 7:37-39

Jesus knew the presence of God through the Spirit would provide the foundation upon which a person could invest life into eternity.

Jesus’ Understanding of Us:

- *The most promising things in this life we “learn” and “assume” to be sensory and emotionally related.*
- *The most discouraging things in life involve the degree to which our assessed expectations are unmet.*

We need hope beyond the earthly and temporal.

- 2. The Gift of the Spirit is God’s presence within us to give us true understanding and a non-earthly perspective.**

John 3:3-8

Nicodemus could not see who Jesus was and what He intended to do. (Genesis 12:3; II Samuel 7:10-17; Psalm 2:10-12; Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1-10; 52:13-53:12). He needed “Spirit Caused Birth.”

Luke 8:4-8 (Matthew 13:3-23; Mark 4:2-20; Luke 8:3-15)

The Sower sows understanding in us necessary to produce fruit.

We Need the Spirit to Help Us Know Non-Temporal Existence!

True Spirituality

- **Jesus knows and understands every person’s struggles in life associated with felt needs and life experiences.**
- **There are times in life when we do experience the best that this life is capable of providing.**
- **The best this life provides is our greatest glimpse of what God designed for us and promises to restore.**
- **Jesus gives the Spirit to help us understand what God desires to do in us and for us into eternity.**

Congregational Meeting: Today at 12:30 pm!