

Sunday, July 2, 2023
The Holy Spirit "In Me" Series
The Ministry of God's Spirit
"Our Independence Day"

Favorite Teachings of Jesus?

Favorites expressed by members of Our Family:

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light." **Matthew 11:28-30**

Last Week: PK's Favorite Teaching of Jesus

John 4:10-15; "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." ...but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

John 7:37-39 "The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He said about the Holy Spirit... not yet given."

Luke 8:8 "And yet other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as much."

Luke 8:15 "But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word with a good and virtuous heart, and hold it firmly, and produce fruit with perseverance."

"Jesus is able to plant (provide, instill) the life of God (Holy Spirit, Living Water, Living Words of God) deep within a person and change their life and purpose forever."

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- 1. The Holy Spirit gives birth of God's Spirit in us to enable us to understand God's nature and work in the world.**

John 3:2-8

Matthew 18:1-5

Birth by God's Spirit establishes a person as a child of God capable of learning from God and understanding His work.

- 2. Jesus taught that people are naturally under the influence of an evil and deceptive presence in the world.**

Luke 4:6 And the devil said to Him (Jesus), "I will give You all this domain and its glory, for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I want."

John 8:42-47

Matthew 16:15-17

Jesus taught that the world's narratives are intentionally deceptive and restrict the ability of people to see truth in Jesus.

- 3. Jesus Taught that the Holy Spirit nurtures a child of God with understanding that helps him/her grow up.**

John 14:16-17, 26

John 15:26

John 16:13-15

The Holy Spirits primary defining attribute is truth, and His commitment is the education of God's Children.

The Spirit and Our Challenges in Life

- Being born of the Spirit and growing up to Christlikeness is challenged by the appetites associated with our physical body.**

Matthew 26:41; Mark 14:38; John 6:63

- Our challenge in life is allowing the Spirit to nurture us as we sit at the feet of Jesus and learn from His example.**

What is the dominant influence on our thought life?

Can we limit our God given desires to righteous expressions?

Baptism: Sunday, July 9, 12 :10 pm