

Sunday, August 20, 2023
The Holy Spirit "In Me" Series
Loving God's Children Like Jesus Did

The Holy Spirit in Us

Jesus taught that the substance of the Spirit's work in us is to cause a spiritual revitalization so that our inner sensitivities to God are awakened by His inner presence and we can be nurtured by Him toward Christlikeness as we grow up as children God.

The Spirit Births Us and Nurtures Us

We become Children of God through the Spirit
learning from Jesus with the Spirit's Help

"The Spirit's Work" According to Jesus (Home Study)

Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit restores God's "likeness" and "image" in a person through a Spirit caused birthing of God event (John 3:2-8; Mat. 18:1-5; Gen. 1:26-27) and then nurtures children of God with "truth" taught by Jesus (John 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-15) so there is spiritual growth. Jesus taught the primary obstacles to the Spirit's Work in Us. (Mat. 13:3-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15). Jesus taught that Spirit-informed decision making requires minimizing the influence of our appetites, feelings and emotions. (Mat. 26:41; Mark 14:38; 16:24-25; Luke 9:23; John 6:63)

Jesus' Top Priorities in the Life of a Child of God

1. Helping us know how to align ourselves with the heart of God as a Father. (Mat. 6:5-13)

The importance of aligning ourselves with God, what He is like, what He is committed to doing in the world, our commitment to prioritizing Him more than self, and an our greatest challenges in life in our efforts to make Him proud of us as His children.

2. Helping us value the Family of God so that we will love them as much as He loved them.

Jesus' teachings define leadership roles in the family of God: Mat. 18:20; 23:8-12

Jesus' teachings define an otherworldly type of family: Mat. 12:46-50; 10:37; 19:21; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21.

Jesus' teachings inform Jesus' purpose in life: John 13:34-35; 15:12-17

How Much did Jesus Love the Brethren?

1. Jesus taught that "forgiveness" was the primary need of every person in the world.

Matthew 6:12-15 Jesus taught in needs to be a prayer priority.

Matthew 9:1-8 Provision of forgiveness: Our greatest need.

2. Jesus was committed to dying to provide for our forgiveness.

Matthew 26:26-29 His blood shed "on behalf of many"

John 15:12-13 "laying down his life for his friends"

3. Jesus taught us that forgiveness was essential in the life of God's family.

Matthew 18:15-22

- If our brother sins... "1 on 1... 2-3 on 1... family involvement.
- It is a "Family of God" priority"
- Forgiveness has no limit, but it is limited by Jesus to ownership.

Prioritizing a "Forgiving Heart"

• Forgiving people who take no ownership for the hurt they cause is a life challenge.

Saying sorry is not the same as ownership for hurtful behavior.

A person's ownership for hurtful behavior does not necessarily restore trust.

• Jesus' offered forgiveness for a multitude of things we have done without our ownership of all our stuff.

A forgiving spirit is healthy in relationships in general.

Forgiveness can provide a new beginning in relationships.

• Forgiveness is a necessity in the family of God.

Jesus taught it required ownership by a person.

Jesus taught it does not necessarily represent change of habits...