

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Receiving the Holy Spirit *His life into ours*

Anyone watch the Royal Wedding?

What sort of questions do you think they asked as they became attracted to each other?

“What are you going to do for me?”

- *Especially a commoner asking that of royalty.*

Could be a real mood breaker.

How about when we want to be joined with The Holy Spirit?

- *Is that what people often ask?*

Like children at Christmas – “Yeah, it’s about Jesus. Can we get to the presents?”

“I’d really like to get to know you. Tell me about yourself” seems like a better approach.

So, who is the Holy Spirit revealed to be as He emerges in the New Testament?

Receiving Him into our life will lead us to become like Him:

- *In Christ’s behalf*
- *For the sake of others*

His gifts are not primary evidence of God in our lives.

1 Corinthians 1:7

“Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.”

Yet their lives were a sinful, selfish shame to God

The first thing we see is that Christ is conceived “Of the Holy Spirit” in Mary – (Matt. 1:18 & Luke 1:35)

*It seems likely that the first thing He may do in our lives is **conceive the life of Christ in us** – in our hearts, minds, spirits & lives.*

*We learn that John the Baptist was **filled with the Holy Spirit** while still in his mother’s womb*

- *Both His mother & father and Simeon were too*

They were all led to testify about Jesus

John the Baptist promised that Jesus would “baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire” (Matt. 3, Mark 1 & Luke 3)

Then, (Luke 3:21-22)

“Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice

came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Jesus led us in both water baptism and baptism with the Holy Spirit

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AND THEN – Jesus "being filled with the Holy Spirit"...

The Holy Spirit led/drove Him –

- *Into the wilderness... to be –*
- *Tempted by the devil (Matt. 4, Mark 1 & Luke 4)*

FIRST THING after being baptized with the Holy Spirit!

- **Water** is for washing
- **Fire** is for refining/purifying

How many want to line up to be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit?

Jesus promised the Father would "give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him." (Matt. 7 & Luke 11)

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*Jesus promised the Holy Spirit flowing like **rivers of living water** out of our heart. (John 7:37-39)*

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit will teach us and remind us of what He said. (John 14:26)

Jesus said the Holy Spirit will testify about Him. (John 15:26)

And just before He returned to heaven He said the Holy Spirit would empower us to do the same thing. (Acts 1:8)

Jesus told us the Holy Spirit will convince us of what is wrong, what is right and the consequences of both. (John 16:7-8)

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*The Holy Spirit will do **the same things in our life He did in Jesus**, and in His behalf.*

*So, receive the Holy Spirit **to do what He does** in us.*

*Next Week: **Ways He began expressing Himself** because He lives in us.*