

Topic : 2 Corinthians 13:14 (Part 3)

Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

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The essence of the Holy Spirit can be summed up in 2 Timothy 1:7 “for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” It is in these three ways that we fellowship and know the Holy Spirit.

(I) Fellowship with the Holy Spirit of Power

Why do we talk about power first when it comes to the Holy Spirit?

We begin our relationship with the Holy Spirit when we are born again of water and of the Spirit (John 3:3,5). The emphasis on water is akin to being filled; the opposite of which is to be spiritually dry like a desert. This conversion (being filled with the Holy Spirit) is therefore a clash of Power (Acts 26:18) from the power of Satan to God.

We either walk by fear or by faith. We therefore must look at life through the eyes of Scripture and build *Faith Convictions* in our lives. Faith overcomes fear, establishes identity and recovers authority.

The person who knows God has no fear (Romans 8:15, Hebrews 2:14-15).

Fear is our biggest enemy and is fueled by negative stress and anxiety from living in a fallen world. In our relationship with God, fear must disappear from our lives. If we are constantly living in fear and anxiety, something must be amiss in our relationship with God. We are children of God and we are therefore always protected in Christ (Colossians 1:13-14).

We must make effort to fellowship with the Holy Spirit of Power *daily* to overcome the evil one and the world (1John 5:4-5). He enables and empowers us to overcome our sinful nature.

The Holy Spirit will quicken the word of God in our lives to:

- bring healing and health (Romans 8:11, Psalm 107:20)
- empower us to be witnesses of Christ and do what He did (Acts 1:8, Luke 4:18).

(II) Fellowship with the Holy Spirit of Love

The Holy Spirit is our Along-sider-Helper (1 Corinthians 6:19, John 14:16-18) and Comforter in our life journey (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). He is the one who fills us with peace (Philippians 4:6-7, Colossians 3:15, 2 Thessalonians 3:16), and is the dispenser of the Grace of God to us (Hebrews 4:16)

The Holy Spirit is in us and He witnesses everything we do. We must be conscious not to grieve the Holy Spirit with our words, deeds and actions (Ephesians 4:25-32 - 5:4).

(III) Fellowship with the Holy Spirit of Wisdom

Wisdom moderates the Power and the Love of the Holy Spirit. It is calm, perfectly balanced and well-disciplined. Grace and Truth must come together for either extreme ends will lead to lawlessness or legalism.

Only the Holy Spirit can reveal Father God and Lord Jesus to us (1Corinthians 2:10, John 15:26, 2 Peter 1:2). This is through two things: prayer and worship. When we pray in the Spirit (Ephesians 6:18), we are truly connected to the Father God and the Lord Jesus Christ because we are praying according to His agenda. The Holy Spirit will enable us to pray and this will happen only as we continually walk and connect with Him. John 4:23-24 says that true worship is worship in the Spirit and the Truth. We cannot afford to be spectators. Instead, we need to be active participants in worship.

Only the Holy Spirit of Wisdom can give us progressive revelation that allows us to know Him better. He is our guide to the Truth (Ephesians 1:17, John 16:13). There is too much information in this age but the Holy Spirit will help us to detect lies, expose deception and prove against error. This only comes as the Holy Spirit connects with our spirit as our inward witness in these three forms:

- *Relationship*: as we partake of the Word, pray and worship (Romans 8:14, 16)
- *Conscience*: our bearing of right and wrong (Romans 9:1)
- *Discernment*: to help us identify what is of God and what is not (Hebrews 5:14).

We must not quench the Holy Spirit of Wisdom by being cynical and skeptical or when we mutter and utter things from our flesh and carnality. We must be careful when we start to be critical of how God operates and begin to judge because it will be meted back to us. The fellowship with the Holy Spirit will be broken.

Conclusion

We must be overcomers instead of being cold, mediocre and spiritually dry. We must have the faith conviction, and be filled with joy and peace and abound in hope (Romans 15:13). This happens only by the power of the Holy Spirit so we must continually hunger and thirst for Him.

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Questions for discussion

- (1) What are some fears that you are struggling with? Share with your group members.

- (2) In what ways do we grieve the Holy Spirit?

- (3) Progressive revelation comes to us as the Holy Spirit of Wisdom connects with our spirit as our inward witness in the form of
 - (A) Relationship (Romans 8:14, 16)
 - (B) Conscience (Romans 9:1)
 - (C) Discernment (Hebrews 5:14)
 - (D) Which area(s) do you want to grow in?

Share one practical step you can do this week to work on the area(s) you have described.