

God Within

Number six in a nine-part series on what we believe
October 24 & 25, 2009

1. Our need for the Holy Spirit:

•Progress requires _____ power.
Acts 1:8; Gal. 4:6; 5:16,22,23; Jn. 15:1-5.

2. The identity of the Holy Spirit:

•He's not just a _____ force,
but _____ and _____.

Eph. 4:30; Jn. 14:16; 16:7.

Acts 5:3,4; 1 Cor. 2:10; 6:19; Heb. 9:14;
Jn. 3:5-8; Matt. 28:19.

3. The role of the Holy Spirit:

Jn. 14:17,26; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:11-27;
Eph. 5:18; 1 Pet. 4:10,11; Rom. 8:9.

4. What the Spirit doesn't want:

•To be _____. Acts 7:51.

•To be _____. Eph. 4:29-32.

•To be _____. 1 Thess. 5:19.

5. What the Holy Spirit does want:

•He wants the focus on _____.

•He wants us to be _____.

Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. Do you ever feel like you are trying to live the Christian life by your own power? What is this like?

2. When we read Mt., Mk., Lk., and Jn., we can't help but to notice that the disciples made a lot of mistakes. What do you observe in their lives that points out the fact that they were not yet living by the Spirit?

3. Read the list of what the Spirit produces in our lives (Gal. 5:22,23). How would the Willamette Valley be affected if Christians really displayed these qualities consistently? How would your family life change if you gave control over to the Holy Spirit?

4. What difference does it make that the Holy Spirit is not just a mysterious force but personal and divine?

5. In Eph. 5:18, we are commanded to be filled with the Spirit, as if we had a choice about the matter. What is involved in this?

6. How has God gifted you? Are you using your spiritual gifts to be a blessing to others?

7. Is there a way in which you are hindering the Spirit's activity in your life? What are you going to do about this?

8. How can you better allow the Spirit to exalt Jesus in your life?

9. What does holiness practically mean in your life right now?

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