

September 2020: Prayer Focus

"Who Is the Holy Spirit and Do You Know Him?"

Instructions: Meditate and be changed daily using the assigned Scripture and Thought. Build your prayer life by using the Thought from the previous week (s) as well as the current week.

"On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:4-5 New International Version (NIV)

Week 1 (September 1st - September 7th)

John 15:26 King James Version(KJV)

26)"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."

Thought: "He makes known the presence of Jesus": His primary work in our life and the world today is to mediate the presence of Jesus Christ; the role of the Holy Spirit is to make known to us the personal presence of Jesus Christ.

Week 2 (September 8th - September 14th)

Galatians 5:16 Amplified (AMP)

16)"But I say, walk habitually in the [Holy] Spirit [seek Him and be responsive to His guidance], and then you will certainly not carry out the desire of the sinful nature [which responds impulsively without regard for God and His precepts].

Thought: "He makes us more like Jesus": As we walk with the Spirit and stay in step with the Spirit, he will strip away our love for sin and make us more like Jesus.

Week 3 (September 15th - September 21st)

2 Peter 1:20-21 The Passion Translation (TPT)

20)"You must understand this at the outset: Interpretation of scriptural prophecy requires the Holy Spirit, for it does not originate from someone's own imagination. 21)No true prophecy comes from human initiative but is inspired by the moving of the Holy Spirit upon those who spoke the message that came from God."

Thought: "He helps us understand the Bible": When it comes to understanding a passage from Scripture, the Holy Spirit will help you to understand what it means and how it changes your life.

Week 4 (September 22nd - September 30th)

Acts 13:2 Amplified (AMP)

2) "While they were serving the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul (Paul) for the work to which I have called them."

Thought - "He calls you to work": The Holy Spirit not only calls people to faith in Jesus Christ, but he calls us to a specific vocation or task.

Here are a few other ways the Holy Spirit walks us through this life and assists us in fulfilling our God-ordained purposes and destiny:

- 1) He empowers you/us for service: (Numbers 27:8)
- 2) He helps us pray: (Romans 8:26-27)
- 3) He guides you/us: (John 16:13)
- 4) He empowers you/us for building the church: (1 Thessalonians 1:5)
- 5) He gives you/us spiritual gifts: (1 Corinthians 12:7-12)

So...now that we have been formerly and properly introduced, let us humble ourselves under God's mighty hand and become more sensitive to who He "the Person" is which will bring and allow us to see true manifestations in our lives, in our houses of worship and in our world like we've never seen before. To know the Person the Holy Spirit in every way allows us to be ushered into the very presence of God.