

## Fostering Fellowship with the Holy Spirit

**2 Corinthians 13:11-14** *Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All the saints greet you. <sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**2 Corinthians 13:14** *The grace (favor and spiritual blessing) of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the presence and fellowship (the communion and sharing together, and participation) in the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen (so be it).*

### Biblical Pathways to Fellowship with the Holy Spirit

#### 1. In the Scripture

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10** *What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— <sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.*

**Ephesians 1:15-17** *For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him.*

#### 2. In sharing Jesus

**John 14:25-26** *These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

#### 3. In worship

**Revelation 1:9-10** *I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet.*

4. In ministering the gifts of the Spirit to the body of Christ. God's parental love is made manifest.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7** *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

**1 Corinthians 14:1-4** *Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. <sup>4</sup> The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.*

5. In speaking in tongues

**1 Corinthians 14:4** *The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.*

**1 Corinthians 14:14-15** *For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.*

6. In dreams and visions

**Acts 2:17** *And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;*

7. In prayer

**Romans 8:26-27** *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God...*

## Initiating Communion with the Holy Spirit

1. Create a conducive atmosphere

a. The presence of God's Spirit can be prepared for and received

**Romans 14:17** *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

**Isaiah 66:1-2** *Thus says the LORD: Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? <sup>2</sup> All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.*

## 2. Embrace brokenness

**Isaiah 66:2** ... *But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.*

**Matthew 12:20** ...*a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory;*

## 3. Obedience to his voice and instructions

**1 Corinthians 2:10-13** *God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.*

## 4. Trusting in God's provisions and production

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6** *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.*

a. Forsake the fruit before you begin.

## 5. Embrace meditation and contemplative practices

**Psalms 131:2** *Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; Like a weaned child rests against his mother, My soul is like a weaned child within me.*

**Psalms 131:2** (MSG) ...*I've cultivated a quiet heart. Like a baby content in its mother's arms. My soul is a baby content.*

**Psalms 46:10** *Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*