



The Inner Experience of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:16-17

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1. What most stands out to you from our teachings on the Holy Spirit, and why?
2. What spiritual practices best help you spend private time alone with God so that you can hear the Holy Spirit's voice?
3. Read the following verses aloud:
 - Romans 5:5 – “And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”
 - Galatians 4:6-7 – “Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father.’ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.”
 - Romans 8:5-6 – “Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”
 - Romans 14:17-18 – “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.”
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:6 – “You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.”
 - Romans 15:13 – “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
 - Ephesians 4:2-3 – “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”
4. The passages above highlight seven inner experiences enabled by the indwelling Spirit. Which do you most easily recognize and sense when you personally connect with God through his Spirit? Why?
 - Being loved by God, like a “Daddy”
 - Life
 - Peace
 - Righteousness, peace, and joy
 - Joy
 - Hope
 - Unity
5. Read Luke 11:9–13. What do these verses remind us of? Each person share how you desire this teaching to form your daily life so you make time and space to authentically seek the presence of God's Spirit (e.g., time in the Word, prayer, family devotionals, etc.)?
6. How can we pray for each other this week?



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Reminders:

- We have two great groups to help you connect and grow in community! Young Adults (18–mid-20s) meet Thursdays from 7–9pm in the Student Center. Young Professionals (mid-20s–early 30s) meet Sunday evenings in Cool Springs. Click below to learn more and get connected!
<https://harpethcc.elvanto.net/form/cfe0e023-9187-4302-9480-642da3889c11>
- Bobby Harrington will be providing a special teaching titled “Miraculous Gifts” on Sunday 11/16. Stay tuned for more details on that!
- Our ministry partner, GraceWorks will be having a Food Drive this month. The donation bins will be in the lobby starting Sunday, November 9th. They are most in need of **pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, canned chicken, and canned beans**. Please consider helping during this holiday season!
- **Save the Date!** Our annual Christmas Potluck is Sunday, December 14th. More details to come.