

Saturday, 5/12

The situations you will face as a Christian will not always be pleasant. There will be events and circumstances that will alarm and confuse you. Even in those instances you will be given the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Devotional: John 16:25-33 are verses of great hope in times of tribulations. The preceding verses discussed the work of the Holy Spirit, that our sorrow will turn to joy and how Jesus has overcome the world.

Pray That despite those situations that are less enjoyable, you will continue to rely on the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art;
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

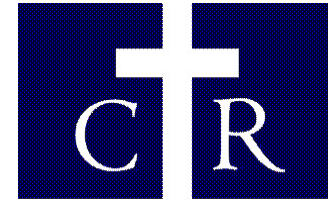
Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The kindling of the heaven descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

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Meditations in Acts

Week of May 6, 2007

The Essence of the Church

Daily Devotionals

When you became a Christian your life was reformed. Your former ways of thinking, the attitudes of your mind, your character and conduct, were forever transformed. The life you were living was elevated to the service of others. You were led to behave better in thought, word and deed and enabled to walk in the statutes of God. All this was wrought by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Throughout the week we encourage you to use the hymn, " Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" found on the back page as your songs, your prayers, and your reminder this week about what the church is all about.

Sunday, 5/6 The dramatic changes in a Christian are heralded by the Holy Spirit. The one Jesus promised to send as a counselor and teacher. It is by the Holy Spirit you were called into the Kingdom of God.

Devotional: What work has the Holy Spirit started in you? Read Ephesians 1:17-18. Consider the ways your understanding has been enlightened. Reflect upon the "riches of the glory of His inheritance".

Pray Give thanks to God for the provision of His Holy Spirit. For the changes He has fashioned in your life.

Monday, 5/7 David prayed to God that He would give him a clean heart. This is what God has done for you through the Holy Spirit. Your filthiness has been removed and you have been made capable of following God.

Devotional: From Ezekiel 35:25-27 we see the new life that God has given us. Meditate on how these verses apply to your life. Has the Spirit cleansed you? Has He given you a new heart? Do you feel capable of walking with God?

Pray That God would provide you with a full comprehension and appreciation of the work the Holy Spirit has and is doing in your life.

Tuesday, 5/8 The Holy Spirit unites us into one body of Christ. It doesn't matter from what background we came, all who have called upon the name of Jesus have received the Holy Spirit.

Devotional: Read I Corinthians 12:13. How should the truth of the unity brought by Christ affect the way we view each other? Does this understanding help you carry out commands elsewhere in scripture, such as those found in Philippians 2:3-4?

Pray For the realization that each Christian possesses the same Holy Spirit. That this realization would have a positive affect on how we act as a part of the body of Christ.

Wednesday, 5/9 It is paramount to understand that it is by Gods grace we have been saved. That our new status in Christ was a gift that brought you out of the desperation of sin. This realization should also have an affect on what we think, say and do.

Devotional: Just as scripture teaches our unity through the Holy Spirit should affect how we deal with other Christians, it also gives us insight into how we should deal with those not in Christ. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How should these verses affect the way you relate to those who aren't Christians?

Pray That you would not take an unrighteous pride in who you are in Christ. Rather, a proper understanding of Gods grace would help you witness more effectively to those in need of the gospel.

Thursday, 5/10 The Holy Spirit has enlightened you to the word of God. He has provided you with the capacity to serve God through the service of others. Service designed for His glory, not yours.

Devotional: Read II Timothy 3:16, I Corinthians 12:4-11, and Mark 10:45. Consider how Gods word, your gifts and your willingness to serve construct the foundation for a productive Christian life.

Pray For the enlightenment of Gods word and a recognition of your personal gifts. That you would be inspired to serve others.

Friday, 5/11 Through the work of the Holy Spirit you are included among Gods people, those who are called to perform service to God. You are members of Gods household, a part of His design to send light into the world.

Devotional: I Peter 2:9-10 and Ephesians 2:19-22 should be considered at this point. Do these verses give you a fuller appreciation of the new creation you are in Christ Jesus?

Pray That excitement would grip you as you consider your inheritance in Christ and how you have been enabled to serve Him.