



## Unleashing the Power of the Holy Spirit *Welcome*

1 Peter 1:10-11 (NIV)

Concerning this salvation, **the prophets**, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, [11] trying to find out the time and circumstances to which **the Spirit of Christ in them** was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

### I. Knowledge of God & Experiencing God

James 2:19 (NIV)

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.

1 Cor. 2:10-12 (NIV)

. . . but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. [11] For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way **no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God**. [12] We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

#### A. Double Minded ---

James 1:8 (NIV)

. . . he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

James 4:8 (NIV)

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and **purify your hearts, you double-minded**.

Col. 3:2 (NASB)

**Set your mind** on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Romans 8:5-8 (NIV)

Those who live according to the sinful nature **have their minds set on what that nature desires**; but **those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires**. [6] The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; [7] the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. [8] Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

#### B. Emotional "Fruit" --- attitude

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Matthew 6:34 (NIV)

Therefore **do not worry about tomorrow**, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

John 14:27 (NIV)

Peace I leave with you; **my peace I give you**. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Philip. 4:6-8 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7] And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--**think about such things.**

Ephes. 4:26 (NIV)

**Do not** let the sun go down while you are still angry,

Mark 11:25 (NIV)

And when you stand praying, if you hold **anything against anyone, forgive him**, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

## II. Our Helper

John 16:7 (NASB)

"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; **for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you**; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

### A. Knowledge --- reveal, make known, direct

Acts 10:28 (NIV)

He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. **But God has shown me** that I should not call any man impure or unclean.

### B. Gives Strength

Judges 16:28 (NIV)

Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God, please **strengthen me just once more**, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."

1 Kings 18:46 (NIV)

**The power of the Lord came upon Elijah** and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

### C. Brings Peace

John 14:27 (NIV)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

### D. Health

Luke 5:17 (NIV)

One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And **the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick.**

### E. Our Teacher

John 16:13 (NIV)

But when he, **the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.**

Heavenly Father,

I welcome your Holy Spirit into my life---without any resistance. I need your help. Apart from you I cannot stand. Thank you for your abiding presence, your great power and your mercy. Give me an understanding heart that I may serve the Living God with joy and freedom. May your life strengthen me today---body, soul and spirit. In Jesus' name, amen.