

Study #11

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LIVING IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WARM UP

For many years Joe went to church each Sunday, took communion, listened to the sermon and went home feeling no different. Joe went as a matter of duty, taking his wife and family. From time to time he tried to



read the Bible but found it uninteresting and learnt little from it. One day his older brother, who had been an unbeliever, was diagnosed with cancer. As the months went by he grew weaker. During this time he seemed to change in his attitudes and began to read the Bible.

Just before he died he called Joe to his bedside and said, "Unless you are born again you will never see the Kingdom of God".

In the following few years Joe remembered these words. He went to a meeting where a man was preaching. Joe saw the power of God as people were healed and decided to surrender his life to Christ. He became a changed man, full of the Spirit and power of God. He now knew what his brother meant by being born again and understanding the Kingdom of God. He could now have fellowship with God and know His love.

BACKGROUND

Jesus Christ promised that He would send another Helper, the Holy Spirit, to be with us. We cannot see Jesus Christ in the flesh but when we are born again the Holy Spirit comes to live within us.

That is why the Bible tells us that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17) God is holy and wants us to live a holy life and not subject our body to sexual sin including sex outside of marriage, foul language, homosexuality, pornography or any other sin. As we live in God's Spirit and read His Word then we will hear His voice.

READ John 3: 3-8 Also John 14:16-18, John 14:26, John 15:26 and John 16:8-15 Also Acts 1:4-8 and Acts 2:1-4

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. Why is it that some people can go to church but never understand the need to be born again of the Holy Spirit of God?
2. How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

3. What is the evidence of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
4. How do we receive the power of the Holy Spirit?
5. Why do we not see much of this power in the church today?



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will seek to learn to live in the Holy Spirit and evidence this in my life.

CONSIDER THIS

As we read the book of Acts we see the birth of the Christian Church. The numbers grew rapidly as the Apostles, with great power, preached the Gospel, cast out demons, healed the sick and raised the dead.

We need to live with the power of the Holy Spirit. This will enable us to have:

- Power to love our wife and children as never before
- Power to love one another as Jesus loved us
- Power to read and understand the Bible as never before
- Power to hear God's voice when He speaks (John 16:13)
- Power to overcome sin and temptation
- Power to succeed in our job or business
- Power to heal



WRAP UP

Ask God to fill you with His power.