

對聖靈該有的認識和經歷

經文： 16 我要求父，父就另外賜給你們一位保惠師，叫祂永遠與你們同在， 17 就是真理的聖靈，乃世人不能接受的；因為不見祂，也不認識祂。你們卻認識祂，因祂常與你們同在，也要在你們裏面。（約 14:16-17）

A) 如今不僅是恩典的時代，更是聖靈的時代

（使 2：32-33，路 24：49，約 14：16-17，26，16：7-8）

B) 聖靈降臨的主要目的

1) 榮耀神的兒子，為神的兒子作見證（約 15：26-27，16：14-15）

— 一切的神蹟、奇事，大能作為，人心改變，啟示…都為榮耀神的兒子

2) 帶領神的兒女進入一切的真理（約 16：13-14，林前 12：7）

— 一切的應許、真理、屬靈福份…都因著聖靈內住與運行成為真實。

3) 建造教會，完成神的旨意

(a) 建立基督的身體（林前 12：13，弗 4：11-16）

— 教會不僅因聖靈降臨而產生（徒二），而且聖靈賜下各種恩賜來成全聖徒，各盡其職，為的就是要建立基督的身體。

(b) 預備新婦，迎接主的再來（弗 5：26，啟 19：7，22：17）

C) 對聖靈該有的基本認識與經歷

1) 重生得救

(a) 悔改（約 16：8）— 聖靈來叫人為罪、為義、為審判自己責備自己

(b) 重生（約 3：5）— 若不是從水和聖靈生的，就不能進神的國…

2) 聖靈內住（林前 6：19，結 36：26-27）

(a) 客觀上—與(1)同時發生

(b) 主觀上—需被聖靈開啟，真看見且活在其中

（包括：經歷聖靈的光照，安慰，指引，供應，恩膏的教訓，同在同行…）

3) 聖靈的管治

(a) 聖靈照著神的旨意替我們禱告（羅 8：27）

(b) 聖靈調度萬事，叫愛神的人得益處（羅 8：28-30）

— 拆毀舊造，建立神兒子的生命與性情在我們裡面，使我們能『像祂』

4) 聖靈充滿 — 是聖靈內住在深度和廣度上的擴大和滿溢，使人：

(a) 得著更豐盛的生命與能力

(b) 與主更親，愛主更深

- ❖ 聖靈充滿使得聖徒與神的關係和生命被改變，是過得勝生活的重要經歷。所以保羅用命令的口吻提醒我們：要常常被聖靈充滿(弗 5：18)，成為一個「滿有聖靈的人」(Spirit-filled)。

5) 聖靈澆灌

- 叫人得著從上頭來的能力，為的是事奉主，為主作見證；或在大爭戰與試煉中得著能力，為主剛強站住，活出得勝(路 24：49，徒 1：8，10：38，徒 2：1-4)。
- 「所賜給我們的聖靈將神的愛澆灌在我們心裡」(羅 5：5)

D) 幾件當注意的事：

- 1) **聖靈裡一切的經歷都須以聖經真理為根據**，主的話與主的靈是分不開的。
例如：個人可以用方言禱告，但是在公開的聚會中，根據林前 14:28, 13, 19—除非有翻方言者，我們寧可安靜或用悟性禱告。
- 2) **所有聖靈裡的經歷與恩賜都必須是為了更深得著主、且被主所得著，而不是重在經歷與恩賜的本身。**真實的聖靈經歷，必然會帶下生命的更新與變化，結出更多聖靈的果子—加 5：22，也必然會讓我們「與主更親，愛主更深」。
- 3) **聖靈是隨己意將恩賜分給人**，為的是『榮神益人』。所以千萬不可驕傲，也不要強求、模仿、嫉妒、限制...別人的恩賜。
- 4) **不是所有的神蹟、奇事都可相信**，
尤其到了末世，許多假先知甚至假基督都會出來(太 24：24)，要懂得分辨。同樣，也不要隨便去論斷一些你我個人不讚同的表現，除非他們明顯地違背了聖經的真理，以免我們干犯聖靈(太 12：31)。
- 5) **聖靈充滿，靈浸經歷中最中心的感覺就是「遇見主」**
全人浸透在祂的同在裡。不要把注意力放在周圍的人事物、自己的思想、感覺...，而是全人、全心都集中在耶穌身上，這才是得著聖靈充滿的秘訣。另外，不要因為有些人有不正常、偏激或錯誤的表現而拒絕、或害怕讓聖靈工作。各人反應可能不同，所以不用模仿，不用比較，不限制自己，不受人攪擾，更不要評論別人，要順服聖靈，讓聖靈自由運行。
- 6) **聖靈與十架乃相輔相成**
更深、更多的十架必然會帶下更多聖靈的祝福；而常被聖靈充滿的人，也必然會更忠心、更有力、更甘心樂意地來愛主、順服主，走十架道路，為主而活。
- 7) **雖然個人的經歷很重要，但是聖靈更大的工作與祝福絕對是在教會裏**

【討論問題】

- 1) 在本課程中所提到在聖靈裡的五種經歷中，你在哪幾個上有親身的經歷？
- 2) 信息中特別提到『所有聖靈裡的經歷與恩賜都必須是為了更深得著主、且被主所得著，而不是重在經歷與恩賜的本身。』請簡短分享你在這方面的態度與學習。
- 3) 關於「雖然個人的經歷很重要，但是聖靈更大的工作與祝福絕對是在教會裏」，請分享你對這句話的體認。如何能讓聖靈更自由的工作在我們的教會中，使我們在聖靈裡承受更大的祝福？

Knowledge and Experience of the Holy Spirit

Scriptures: **16** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (John 14:16-17)

A. Today is not only the age of grace, but even more so the age of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:32-33; Luke 24:49; John 14:16-17, 26, 16:7-8)

B. The main purposes of the coming of the Holy Spirit

1. To glorify the Son of God, and testify for the Son of God (John 15:26-27, 16:14-15)
 - All signs, wonders, mighty works, transformation of hearts, revelation... are to glorify the Son of God
2. To lead the children of God into all truth (John 16:13-14, 1 Cor 12:7)
 - All promises, truth, spiritual blessings... become reality through the indwelling and the working of the Holy Spirit
3. To build up the church, and to fulfill God's will
 - (a) To build up the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:13; Ephesians 4:11-16)
 - Not only that the Church was born through the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2), the Holy Spirit also gives all types of gifts to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, in order to build up the body of Christ.
 - (b) To prepare the bride for the second coming of the Lord (Ephesians 5:26; Revelation 19:7, 22:17)

C. The fundamental knowledge and experience of the Holy Spirit

1. Re-birth and salvation
 - (a) Repentance (John 16:8) - The Holy Spirit comes to convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.
 - (b) Born again (John 3:5) - unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God...
2. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19; Ezekiel 36:26-27)
 - (a) Objectively - Occurred at the same time as 1)
 - (b) Subjectively - Need revelation from the Holy Spirit to truly see and live in that reality (Including: enlightenment, comfort, guidance, provision, teaching of the anointing, presence, etc of the Holy Spirit)
3. Discipline of the Holy Spirit
 - (a) The Holy Spirit intercedes for us according to God's will (Romans 8:27)
 - (b) The Holy Spirit works all things for good to those who love God (Romans 8:28-30)

- Tear down the old creation, and build up the life and characters of the Son of God in us, so that we can be “like Him”
4. Being filled of the Holy Spirit - The overflowing of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in depth and breadth. Results in -
- (a) More abundant life and power
 - (b) Closer to the Lord, deeper love for the Lord
- (Spirit-filled) 。
Being filled with the Holy Spirit can transform a saint’s life and his relationship with God, it is an important experience toward living a victorious life. Therefore Paul commands us: Be filled with the Holy Spirit continually (Ephesians 5:18), and be a “Spirit-filled” person.
5. Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- To receive power from above, in order to serve and witness for the Lord; Or to receive power to stand firm for the Lord and live out the victory in the midst of great battles and trials (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8, 10:38; Acts 2:1-4)
 - “The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us” (Romans 5:5)

D. Several Things to Note:

1. All experiences in the Holy Spirit have to be founded on Biblical truth; the Word of the Lord and the Spirit of the Lord are inseparable.

For example, one can pray in tongues privately. Yet according to 1 Cor 14:28, 13, 19, we’d rather be silent or pray with understanding in public meetings, unless there is an interpreter for the tongues.

2. All experiences and gifts of the Holy Spirit must be for deeper knowledge of the Lord, and for one to be laid hold of by the Lord. The emphasis is not on the experiences or gifts themselves. Genuine experiences in the Holy Spirit will bring about life renewal and transformation, and yield more fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). They will also bring us closer to the Lord and deeper love for the Lord.

3. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts as He wills, in order to glorify God and bless man. Spiritual gifts are not to be boasted of, coerced, imitated, envied or suppressed.

4. Not all signs and wonders can be trusted, especially in the end time as many false prophets and even false christs will rise (Matthew 24:24). We need to learn to discern. Yet at the same time we should refrain from casually judging behaviors

that we do not agree, unless they obviously violate Biblical truths, lest we blaspheme against the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 12:31)

5. The most prominent feeling when being filled or baptized with the Holy Spirit is “encountering the Lord”, being immersed in His presence. Do not pay attention to the surrounding, our own thoughts or feelings, ... but focus our whole being and our whole hearts on Jesus - such is the secret to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Moreover, do not reject or fear the work of the Holy Spirit because of other people’s abnormal, extreme or erroneous manifestations. Everyone’s response differs. Therefore we should never imitate, compare, suppress ourselves, be disturbed by others or even judge others, but to obey the Holy Spirit and let Him move freely.

6. The Holy Spirit and the cross work together

More and deeper work of the cross always results in more blessings in the Holy Spirit; People who are being filled with the Holy Spirit often will be even more faithful, powerful and willing to love and obey the Lord, to walk the way of the cross and live for the Lord.

7. Although individual experiences are very important, but the greater work and blessings of the Holy Spirit are always for the Church and in the Church.

【Discussion Questions】

1. Among the five experiences in the Holy Spirit mentioned in this lesson, which ones have you experienced personally?
2. In this lesson it is mentioned that “All experiences and gifts of the Holy Spirit must be for deeper knowledge of the Lord, and for one to be laid hold of by the Lord. The emphasis is not on the experience or the gifts themselves”. Please briefly share your view and lessons learned in this area.
3. Please share your understanding of the statement - “Although individual experiences are very important, but the greater work and blessings of the Holy Spirit are always for the Church and in the Church”. How can we allow the Holy Spirit to move more freely in our church, so that we can receive even greater blessings in the Holy Spirit?