

Reflections for Renewal by the Holy Spirit



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Reflection for Renewal
Section 1

Notes

Read Genesis 1:1-5, 1:26, and 2 Corinthians 3:17-18.

1. What evidence is there for the deity (deity meaning He is God) of the Holy Spirit in these verses from Genesis?

2. What evidence for His deity do you see in 2 Corinthians 3:17-18?

3. According to 2 Corinthians 3:18, what work does the Holy Spirit do in each follower of Jesus Christ?

4. List one way in which you need to be transformed into the Lord's likeness.

5. Pray now for the Holy Spirit to bring about that work in you.
"Lord, I acknowledge my need for the transforming work of Your Spirit in my life. Please change _____ in me, so I will better reflect the likeness of Jesus Christ. Thank You, Lord, Amen."

Read John 14:23-26, 15:26-27, and 16:5-15.

1. What title(s) does Jesus use for the Holy Spirit in these passages?
2. Why do you need the work of the Spirit as Counselor (or Helper, Comforter), in your life?
3. Why do you need His work as the Spirit of truth?
4. Pray about these things now.
“Lord, I need a greater working of your Holy Spirit in my life. Please give me your counsel, help, and guidance concerning _____. Please teach me and lead me into truth regarding _____. May my life give greater honor to You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Read Acts 1:1-8.

1. In verse 8, Jesus gives a promise with a purpose for His followers. What is the promise, and what is the related purpose?
2. How effective have you been as a witness for Jesus during the past six months?
3. Have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit at work in your witnessing efforts?
4. Pray for the fullness of the Spirit's power to be at work in your life. Commit to taking a step of faith toward sharing the gospel with someone.

"Lord, I acknowledge my inability to be Your witness apart from Your power. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit and give me boldness to tell someone about You this week. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Read 2 Corinthians 13:14.

1. What three things are noted in this benediction written by the apostle Paul?
2. Why is each one of these needed in a life of faithfulness to God?
3. How would you define “the fellowship of the Holy Spirit”?
4. How can you enjoy His fellowship every day?
5. If you live in daily conscious fellowship with the Holy Spirit, what difference will this make in your life?
6. Pray:
“Lord, thank You so much for Your grace, Your love, and Your fellowship. May I honor You today by recognizing Your goodness to me. Help me to be conscious of Your presence throughout this day. Help me to rely on You for guidance, holiness, and power to be a witness. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Read Acts 16:6-10.

1. How do you think the Holy Spirit directed Paul away from preaching in Asia? (verse 6)
2. How do you think the Spirit guided Paul in verse 7?
3. Read John 16:13-15. How does the Holy Spirit guide “into all truth”?
4. Read Colossians 3:15-17. Does this passage give you any insight into how the Spirit might guide us?
5. Pray for the Spirit’s guiding work in your life.
“Lord, I submit to the guiding work of Your Spirit in my life. Please teach me to obey Your guidance. Help me to give You greater glory by my life today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

1. If you are truly a Christian, the Holy Spirit lives in you. Reflect on this reality for a moment.

2. How should your awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence cause you to view your body?

3. Why is it so important to honor God with our bodies?

4. Is there any way in which you are dishonoring God with your body? If so, confess that as sin and ask for God's help in overcoming it.

"Lord thank You for the gift of Your own Holy Spirit. Please forgive me for dishonoring You by the sin of _____. Please give me the grace to overcome this and to glorify You with my body. Help me to honor Your presence by a more holy life. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Read Galatians 5:16-26.

1. What things will be true of us if we "live by the Spirit"?

2. Note the list of sinful deeds in verses 19-21. Are there any of these with which you struggle?

3. What is the solution to this struggle as taught in this passage?

4. Note the list of "fruit" in verses 22-23. Which ones are evident in your life? Which ones need the most development?

5. Pray:

"Lord, I can only walk in the Spirit because of Your grace toward me. Free me from the desires of the sinful nature. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that I have Your desires. Develop in me the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-12 and 1 Corinthians 14:12.

1. Who determines the distribution of spiritual gifts?
2. Why are we given spiritual gifts?
3. What should be our motivation in wanting these gifts?
4. Pray for God to give you those gifts that will best enable you to build up Christ's church.
"Lord, I yield my life to Your control. Fill me with Your Spirit and give me those gifts that You will use to encourage and build up others. Give me an attitude of humility as I use my God-given gifts to serve others for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Read Romans 1:1-4 (NIV) and 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8.

1. In Romans 1:4, why do you think the Holy Spirit is referred to as "the Spirit of holiness"?
2. In 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, what warning(s) are we given about sexual sin?
3. Why is sexual impurity especially dishonoring to God?
4. Do these verses bring to mind anything you should confess to the Lord as sin?
"Lord, please forgive me for dishonoring You by the sin of _____. Please give me grace to control my thought life and my body in ways that honor You. Please give me a great love for holiness. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Read Romans 5:5 and Ephesians 3:14-21.

1. What does Romans 5:5 tell us that God has done for us?

2. In what way(s) has this affected your life?

3. List the things that Paul prays for believers in Ephesians 3:16-19.

4. How would your life be different if Paul's prayer was answered in your life?

5. Pray the prayer of Ephesians 3:16-19 for yourself now, substituting the appropriate word ("me," "my," or "I") for "you" or "your."

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Section 8

Read Ephesians 5:18-33.

1. What expressions of a Spirit-filled life are given in verses 19 and 20?

2. To what degree are these things present in your life?

3. What expressions of a Spirit-filled life are given in verses 21-25?

4. Why do we need the fullness of the Holy Spirit to submit to others or to show unconditional love?

5. Prayer:

"Lord, I acknowledge my need for Your power. Apart from You I can do nothing. Help me to be fully yielded to Your control today. Fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit. May I glorify You by my words and in my relationships today. In Jesus' name, Amen."