

SERMON NOTE: Be With The Spirit-GOD's Empowering Presence

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Bible Ref: Ezekiel 36:26-28 Niv

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/ezk.36.26-28.NIV>

Ephesians 5:18b-19 NIV

be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

<https://bible.com/bible/111/eph.5.18-19.NIV>

The assault of post-modernism
Secularised, Individualized and Relativized World

We need GOD'S Presence to guide and lead us, and empowering and encouraging us.

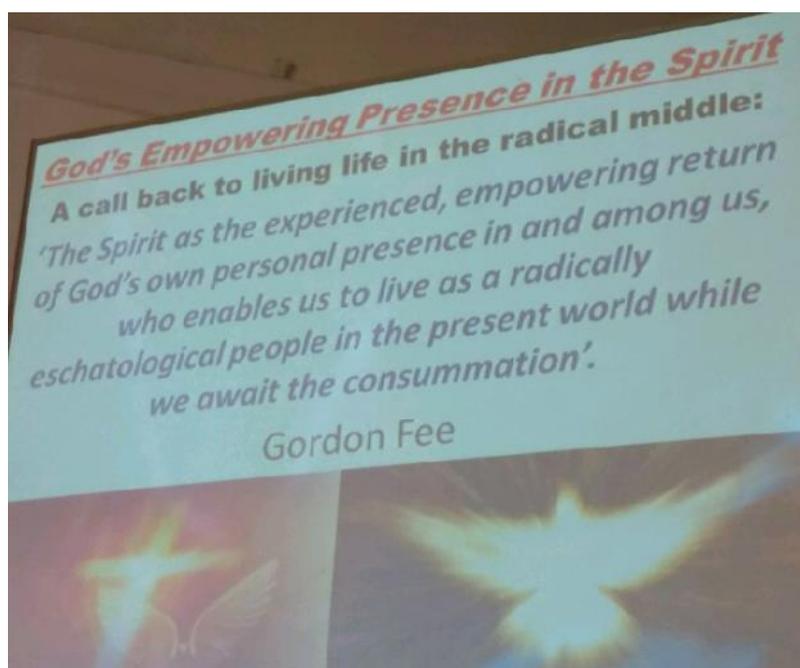
In both OT and NT, GOD Was with HIS people

Noah, Moses, Joseph, Joshua, Abraham, Jacob, David...
many more and of course JESUS

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The spirit has been largely marginalized both in the hall of learning and in the Life of the Church as a community of faith.

Neglected Third Person of the Spirit



When you are baptized..

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you,.."

We became the new habitation for the Spirit to dwell.

The indwelling Spirit works in them, through them and among them.

A new blessed Holy Life and Community of Spirit.

A New Blessed Holy Life

I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

A new heart receptive to the word of GOD

A new heart that desire to please the LORD in the new life.

Jeremiah 32:33 NIV

They turned their backs to me and not their faces; though I taught them again and again, they would not listen or respond to discipline.

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2 Corinthians 3:1-6 NIV

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such confidence we have through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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Luke 17:21 Niv

nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."

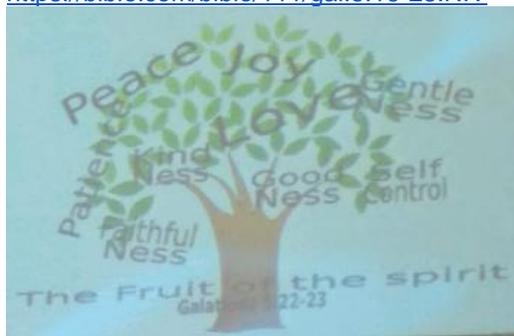
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V27, The Holy Spirit enables the individual believer to obey GOD.

Galatians 5:16, 22-23 NIV

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/gal.5.16-23.NIV>



A Blessed Community of GOD

GOD dwells among them and lives with them.

Ephesians 2:22 NIV

And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/eph.2.22.NIV>



Ezekiel 36:29-30 NIV

I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/ezk.36.29-30.NIV>

David's Prayer in
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within
me. Do not cast me from your pres-
ence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/psa.51.10-11.NIV>

How to receive the indwelling

By faith
Faith takes GOD at HIS Word
Faith is fellowship with GOD
Faith is surrender to GOD

A New Year of HIS Empowering Pres-
ence

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