

3. Enter the Holy Place

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3.1 Be Filled with the Spirit

God has something very special, now, for you, a gift beyond all measure. God wants to immerse your soul into His Holy Spirit.

In order for you to receive such a gift, however, two things are required of you. First, you must be willing to trust God with your whole life, with all that you are in whatever He intends for you. And second, you must ask. God cannot give you anything of Himself except through your desire and your permission. Asking and believing we have received is our work of faith.

Here is what Jesus said about asking. **“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them”** (Mark 11:24).

Ask! In Luke’s gospel, however, Jesus expanded even more on our asking. You can see just how important asking is to our Father. **“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”** (Luke 11:9-13).

This is why we must trust, convinced that Father gives us only goodness with no evil or sorrow in it.

The Spirit Knows. Now, you have already received the Holy Spirit, for it was by the Holy Spirit that you were even able to ask Jesus into your heart. In

fact, you have always lived entirely inside God’s Spirit, for there is nowhere else. But that is the problem. You see, you did not know you were always living inside of God and God inside of you. Life is not “God” per se; life is knowing God.

Here is what Paul says about Spirit and knowing. **For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received... the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God** (1 Corinthians 2:11-12).

Human Consciousness. Paul is describing our human consciousness, that is, our story of self, the words of the story we tell ourselves about ourselves (**the things of a man**) inside our spirit self-awareness. Even more than that, Paul is telling us that God possesses the same Spirit/Word consciousness. You and God both know things only by the spirit inside of you. For that reason, in order for you to know God, there must be a merging of your spirit with the Holy Spirit.

Paul then goes on to say this. **He who is joined to [or – glued together with] the Lord is one spirit with Him – your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God** (1 Corinthians 6:17 & 19).

Immersing Your Soul. Your heavenly spirit is joined together as one with the Holy Spirit, and your earthly body is filled with the Holy Spirit as His temple, or dwelling place. Now the Lord Jesus wants to immerse your soul, that is, your thinking, your choosing, and your feeling, into that same Holy Spirit – for one reason – so that you might KNOW Jesus as He is, so that you might KNOW Father. He will not

just “do” that, because He will cause you to know Him only with your express permission.

Just before Jesus left His disciples, He said this. **“You shall be immersed into the Holy Spirit – You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...”** (Acts 1:5 & 8).

Let’s Ask. Speak these words out loud.

“Lord Jesus, You said that our Father would give me the Holy Spirit in all goodness when I ask. You said that You would immerse me into your Holy Spirit, so that Your Spirit would flood all through my mind and thinking, my choosing and desiring, and through all my emotions, causing me to know You beyond what I ever knew anything about. I trust You, Jesus, that You do all things well. Immerse me, Lord Jesus, into Your Holy Spirit. Fill me with the Spirit of Christ in all the knowledge of God. Fill me with the power from God to be a witness of Christ. I ask this in Your name, Lord Jesus, and I believe that I have received all that I have asked.”

Until You Know. Now that you have asked, believe that you have received. Believe that Jesus has immersed you into His Holy Spirit; believe that you are filled full with the Spirit in power. And continue in exultant expectation until you KNOW.

What will happen as you KNOW full immersion into the Holy Spirit? You will likely find a new heavenly language arising from your heart and flowing out of your mouth in words whose meaning you do not know. That heavenly language is connecting your spirit with the Spirit of God separate from the control of your intellect.

And never listen to any voice that suggests that if you ask for the Holy Spirit, God will give you something nasty or embarrassing. You trust utterly in Jesus; He does all things well.

Something Far More Important. You will also likely know the meaning of these words of Peter in a way you had not known before. God is a very emotional Being, and He has made you just like Himself, as He says. **Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory** (1 Peter 1:8). You will likely be laughing out loud with overwhelming JOY!

But something far more important than praying with your spirit or laughing with inexpressible joy will happen inside of you when you KNOW that you are filled with the Holy Spirit. You will pick up your Bible to read, and the words on the page will become something far more than you ever knew before.

A New and Living Word. The Bible will become a new and living book to you; in that moment, you will know those words coming into you as the Holy Spirit writing the Lord Jesus Christ upon your heart.

You see, this is what Paul was speaking about. **As it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all, even the depths of God** (1 Corinthians 2:9-10 & Isaiah 64:4).

It is only when the Holy Spirit, already joined together with your own spirit and already dwelling in your body, floods also into all the thinking of your mind, all the feeling of your emotions, and all the desiring of your heart that you can now KNOW the **“things of God.”**

Filled with the Holy Spirit. When you know that you are filled with the Holy Spirit in all overflowing joy, go back and read John’s gospel again, in both versions. Go back through and read again the first two chapters of this book as well. But before you do, ask the Lord Jesus to reveal to you what He means by what He says, the things God has prepared for you, the very

depths of God, through what you read. And believe that you have received what you ask.

You see, at no point is your relationship with God about stacking up ideas in your mind. Always, it is about a living connection, the Lord Jesus, every Word God speaks, connecting you with Father and Father with you.

The Spirit Gives Life. Let me now share with you a critical part of knowing Jesus as He is. Consider this statement of Jesus. **It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life** (John 6:63). When Jesus says here that “**the flesh profits nothing**,” He is speaking of “hiding” the words of the Bible in your own intellect as ideas about a distant and unreachable “God.”

Word and Spirit are ALWAYS together. Word without Spirit cannot be of God. Spirit without Word cannot be of God. Word and Spirit are always together, yet Word always leads, yet Spirit goes before to prepare the way for Word.

Word and Spirit Together. The full immersion of your soul into the Holy Spirit, enabling you to know Jesus as Word, is the “through-mind” that Jesus gives you that you might know God. The words Jesus speaks, every word in the Bible, **are Spirit and they are Life**, that is, the Spirit-knowing of God.

You ARE a letter of Christ... written... with the Spirit of the living God... inside tablets of hearts of flesh (2 Corinthians 3:3 – condensed). In the exact same way, the Word that is Jesus written upon our hearts is there only as Spirit “ink.”

Only the Holy Spirit causes us to KNOW what God means by what He says.

3.2 Jesus as Bread

Your ability, now, to believe that God is telling you the truth when He speaks concerning you, that ability is a miracle and gift of the Holy Spirit.

Christ lives in your heart through faith. If you KNOW that God is telling you the truth through these words, and if you receive these words coming into you through faith to be Jesus in Person living inside your heart, then you have been touched by a miracle of God and the power of the Holy Spirit is overshadowing you. This Jesus living inside of you is the very same Jesus that was conceived inside of Mary.

I now want to show you Jesus as He is three things to you, the Bread, the Light, and the Aroma of incense.

The Bread of Life. Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life; the one coming to Me shall never hunger and the one believing into Me shall never thirst at any time**” (John 6:35). Then Jesus went on to say this: **Indeed, my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. The one eating My flesh and drinking My blood abides inside of Me and I inside of Him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live through the Father, so also the one feeding on Me, even he will live through me. This is the bread having come down out of heaven... the one eating this bread will live into the age**” (John 6:55-58).

How is Jesus the “bread which we eat?” Before we can understand that thought, however, I want to take you back through your second agreement and experience with God.

Your Second Encounter with Jesus. As you sought to know the Lord in the Bible and by attempting to live the Christian life, you perceived another great barrier between yourself and the knowledge of God. You saw things in the Bible that you did not understand; you read things you knew were not part of your experience. You wanted more from

God – so you asked for a greater measure of God’s Spirit.

It is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are Spirit and they are life (John 6:63). – **How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him** (Luke 11:13). And in that moment, you entered into a second agreement with God.

Surrender All. In the days and moments before you entered into this second agreement with God, you found yourself confronted with a question requiring an answer of you. That question would have come to you in a different manner than how it came to anyone else, yet there it was – Will you surrender all that you are to Me?

Before you surrendered your soul to the Holy Spirit, you did not know the extent of your inability as a Christian. You did not know that you could in no way understand the words of your Bible with your intellect. You did not know that you could not ever please God with your “Christian” actions. And in your surrender, you agreed that to know God, He had to immerse you into a realm you had never known – into His Holy Spirit.

In Spirit and Truth. God is Spirit, and it is necessary that those worshipping [kissing] Him, should worship inside of Spirit and Truth (John 4:24). In that moment, as the Holy Spirit flooded out from your own spirit and into your soul – into your mind, will, and emotions, you knew a **joy unspeakable and full of glory** – and the words on the pages of the Bible became a living reality to you.

Before you entered into that agreement, you were incapable of seeing your inability to know what the Bible actually means, and you knew nothing of walking in the Spirit. Here are the words that could define the philosophy by which you lived: *“I’ve got things under control. I will figure this Bible out. I will live as God expects a good Christian to live.”*

Another Person. Yet something else was happening in the heavens all around you, inside your absolute reality, things of which you were quite unaware. Another Person had set His intentions upon you.

Two thousand years ago a Man, an eternal, all-here-now Man, had dropped to His knees a second time in Gethsemane. At the end of the second hour on His knees, this Man, in agony of soul, agreed with God: **“Not My will but Thine be done.”**

What was this agreement with God? Jesus agreed, in that moment, to become your soul, to become all the psychosis of your own self-story spinning your own self-consciousness as if you were separate from Christ.

Bearing Fruit to God. Unless a grain of wheat is planted into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his soul, his own self story, will lose it, and he who hates his self-story in this world will keep it to age-unfolding life (John 12:24-25). Jesus is that grain of wheat and you are the ground into which He was planted, there, a second time in Gethsemane. As that seed becomes the plant, so Jesus has become you that He might, through you, bear fruit to God.

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit (John 15:16). You did not know in the moment you agreed a second time with God what it all meant, but you did know that Words of Life were flowing all through your soul by the Holy Spirit.

You Agree with God. When you entered into Jesus as the Immerser in the Holy Spirit, Jesus as the Truth, you left the company of multitudes of people who are just like you once were. And the significant difference now between you and them is this. They do not agree with God; they are convinced they can figure out God and the Bible themselves by their own minds. You agree with God; you know you cannot comprehend either Word or Spirit, but you must have

another Person to take all your foolish psychosis upon Himself, that you might possess His soul, His story to speak as your own.

And for this season after your soul was filled with the Spirit, you are coming to know the full meaning of an anointed and living Word, and you are seeking to know God in the dealings of the Spirit. The Spirit is now your life.

Feeding on Jesus. How do we “feed on” Jesus as Bread?

I want to put three thoughts together for you. First, that human consciousness, as well as God’s consciousness, is a story of words existing inside of a spirit-awareness. Second, that the Word God speaks became flesh so that we might know Him. Jesus said that His flesh is the Bread we eat.

And third, this statement of Jesus: **Unless a grain of wheat is planted into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his soul [his self-story] will lose it, and he who hates his soul [his self-story] in this world will keep it for age-unfolding life** (John 12:24-25).

Treasure in Our Earth. You can see that God speaks to us with figurative language, with metaphors. It is in this way that a Being such as God, far beyond us, can make Himself understandable to us. Yet God is always mixing metaphors, as Jesus does in these two verses from John 12.

Jesus is the grain of wheat, and you are the ground into which He is planted – **Christ lives in your heart through faith.** Paul said it this way: **We have this treasure** {Jesus living in our hearts} **in earthen vessels** {the ground into which He is planted, hearts of flesh}, **that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us** (2 Corinthians 4:7).

But in the next verse, Jesus switches to talking about our souls.

Our Story of Self. The Greek word translated “soul” is *psuche*, from which we get the modern English word, psychology. And Jesus is using that word here to refer to the story of self going on inside our hearts and minds, the words and thoughts of our existence, flavored by our deepest emotions, inside our spirit-awareness of ourselves.

Thus it is very important for you to see that Jesus is merging two things together in this most important statement He made just before the cross. First, He refers to Himself coming into you, planted as a Living Word inside your heart, and then He refers to your trading of your own self-story for another story that is brand new.

Every Good Speaking. Jesus wants His Story, all the good words coming out of the Father and living inside of you, to become your own story of self, the words and thoughts by which you know yourself. Paul said this about that good-speaking that is Jesus: **We bless and speak well of the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the One having blessed and spoken well of us with every spiritual speaking of goodness and blessing in the heavenly realms inside of Christ** (Ephesians 1:3).

You see, your new story of self, the thoughts and words by which you know yourself, is already spoken by the Father inside of Christ. Yet, if you spend a moment observing the “story of self” going on in your own mind at present, you would see that it is still too much not these good words.

Speak What God Says You Are. To know Jesus as your own Bread of life, to “eat of Him,” in order to possess life as the knowledge of God, you must take Jesus’ own story of self upon yourself, as your own personal thinking about yourself.

Here is another way of saying it. – Speak what God says you are. Paul also says it this way: **That the sharing of your faith may become effective by the**

acknowledgment of every good thing which is inside of you inside of Christ Jesus (Philemon 1:6).

God says that He has already **blessed and spoken well of you with every spiritual speaking of goodness and blessing in the heavenly realms inside of Christ**. So, when you speak words of cursing and falling short of God, of doubt and unbelief, of “poor little me,” and so on, you are speaking contrary to what God has already spoken you to be.

Trading Soul for Soul. You see, Jesus already lives in your heart through faith. He is already every Word God speaks written upon your heart of flesh. It’s now your task to believe on Him; that is, to bring those same words written upon your heart into the thinking of your thoughts, the story you tell yourself about yourself.

And you are able to do that because the same Holy Spirit who is the writing of Christ within your heart has now flooded into your mind and emotions. You are able to place Jesus’ soul, His own story of self, upon and all through your own soul, your own story of self.

And this “eating of Jesus as Bread” is the life of knowing God.

3.3 Jesus as Light and Incense

All the writers of the New Testament used the same framework or picture from the Old Testament as the structure of New Testament truth, of God’s intentions for us in the gospel. That structure or pattern is the Tabernacle of Moses in the wilderness, as described in Exodus Chapters 25-40.

That Tabernacle and how the writers of the New Testament used it to order the truths of the sacrifice of Jesus and our walk into the knowledge of God is something you must learn, though we will not describe it now. Yet this book is written partly in the arrangement of our walk “through the Tabernacle” into the knowledge of God.

Receiving full immersion into the Holy Spirit is entering through Jesus as the Door into the Holy Place of the Tabernacle.

You Are Light. It is by the Holy Spirit flooding into your soul that you are able to know Jesus as Living Bread, that is as the Word, not just written upon your heart, but also the story of your soul. This is the first and most important part of living inside of Jesus as our Holy Place.

But there are two other things found in this Holy Place that are also part of knowing Jesus as He is. You must also know Jesus as the Light of the Lampstand and as the Aroma arising from the Altar of Incense.

Let’s talk about light, first. Jesus said, “**I am the light of the cosmos.**” Then He said, “**You are the light of the cosmos.**” (Matthew 5). What is light?

Light Is Honesty. Paul gave us a definition of light. **Everything being proven wrong by the light is indeed made visible. Light is that which makes visible** (Ephesians 5:13). Let me shorten that definition just a bit. – Light is honesty. And conversely, darkness is dishonesty, that is, hiding behind falseness.

Here is the most honest human ever to walk this earth. **I can of Myself do nothing** (Jesus – in John 5:30). Here is the most dishonest expression in the Bible. – **All that the Lord has spoken we will do** (Exodus 19:8). Here is another form which these dishonest words take. – “*We must seek the will of God so that we can do His will and not our own.*”

The Honesty of Jesus. Light is honesty. Light embraces fully the weakness God made us to be and trusts utterly in the immediate presence of God causing us to be what God Himself intends for us in the present moment.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we looked upon His glory, glory as the One-Seed alongside of Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14). Truth is another word for light. When John

wrote that he saw a Man filled with truth, he was referring to the fact that Jesus KNEW that He was incapable of ever pleasing God. And when John saw a Man filled with grace, he was seeing a Man who trusted utterly in the Father directing His every step.

John also said that we are to walk just as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6).

Walk in Honesty. We walk in the light as Jesus is in the light (1 John 1:7). That is, we walk in full honesty just as Jesus walked in full honesty. **As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide inside of Me. ...for without Me you can do nothing** (John 15:4-5).

Now, the evil one will tempt you to “try really hard” to “abide in Jesus.” Do you see the disconnect? If you can do nothing apart from Jesus, then you most certainly are incapable of abiding in Him. Be honest; be real.

Yet light and truth are always coupled with grace, that is, the immediate presence of God with you, Jesus alive in your heart. Jesus directs your every step, and He does all things well.

By My Spirit. Here is another expression of this same light in which we walk. **“Not by might {inward fortitude} nor by power {outward ability}, but by My Spirit,” Says the Lord of hosts. ...And he shall bring forth the capstone {the completion} with shouts of “Grace, grace” to it** (Zechariah 4:6-7 – reduced).

You have neither the inward fortitude nor the outward ability to “do the will of God.” God gave you no such thing. In complete contrast, God gave you Himself, that is, “grace” or “gift,” that is, God in Christ alive in you.

Accomplish your salvation in fear and trembling {honesty}, for God is the Energeia inside of you, both to desire and to energeo for the sake of

good pleasure, of satisfaction and delight (Philippians 2:12b-13).

You Are a Mess. You undoubtedly think of yourself as a mess, and you are completely correct. But you are Jesus’ mess, and all that you are, including your sin and your shame, are found only inside of Him.

Never walk in dishonesty; be honest about your inability to “live the Christian life.” And know that the Energeia of God in you, the Lord Jesus, is directing your every step by God’s desire and intention. It is for this reason that we give thanks in and for all things, every circumstance and reality of our lives (Ephesians 5:20). Giving thanks in and for all is the one thing we do that is part of our believing in Jesus. Giving thanks is the light of the Spirit.

You Are Fragrance. Jesus, the One who dwells in Person at home in your heart is also the Aroma of the incense that enters into the presence of God, and you inside of Him. **Now thanks be to God who always leads us in the triumphal procession inside of Christ, and the aroma of His knowledge being made visible through us in every place. For of Christ we are a fragrance to God...** (2 Corinthians 2:14-15a).

You see how every word that is speaking of Christ is also speaking of you. Just as you are the same honesty in this cosmos that Jesus is, so you are also the same fragrance to God that Jesus is. This “fragrance” is the celebration of an already completed victory.

Let God Be True. To understand this fragrance that you are to God, we must look back again to the nonsense spoken by the serpent and believed by humans. When the serpent said, **“Did God indeed say,”** and when he contradicted God’s “You are,” with his own fake, *“You can be, if you try,”* the serpent was delivering his mighty attack against the Lord Jesus Christ. In essence, what he was really saying was, *“God, You lie. Jesus, every Word You speak, is faithless and false.”* And humans have been agreeing with the serpent ever since.

Here is God's response. – **Let God be true and every man a liar [a fake], as it has been written, "That You may be justified inside Your words, and will overcome inside Your being judged"** (Romans 3:4).

Absolute Confidence. God's triumph is Jesus, every Word that He speaks, proven faithful and true. And when you walk in utter confidence that Jesus inside of you fulfills in and through you all that God means by what He says, the full victory over all that opposes, you are the sweetest fragrance that could ever arise inside of God.

This is why you give thanks in and for all things, for Jesus IS already faithful and true in your life regardless of how you see with your eyes or judge with your emotions. It is your absolute confidence in Jesus, the One who fills your heart with His glory, accomplishing all God intends in your life, that absolutely pleases God (Hebrews 11:6).

Changing Your Mind. But our confidence in Jesus expressed as a celebration of victory already won, foes already defeated, an inheritance already ours, must work its way into all the words of the story we tell ourselves about ourselves.

And do not share the same outward pattern of expression with this age, but be transformed {as a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly} by the renewing of the mind, into proving out what is the desire of God, that which is good, well-pleasing, and complete (Romans 12:2).

It is your thinking about yourself that God wants to change, the thinking of your mind. Put every part of yourself into the Lord Jesus, especially your sin and your shame, and put Jesus upon every part of yourself in the story of your own mind.

Three More Parts of Knowing Jesus. Let's delineate three more parts of knowing Jesus as He is, a knowing given to us inside the fullness of the Holy Spirit, inside the Holy Place.

7. As you are immersed into the Holy Spirit, you know the Words written upon your heart as Spirit and Life. Word and Spirit are always entwined together and Personal inside of you.

8. You eat of Jesus as Bread as you ask God to fulfill in you all that He means by what He speaks and then believe you have received all you ask. Then, having asked and believed, you speak Christ as your own soul, your own story of self.

9. As you walk in honesty, knowing you are incapable of pleasing God, so you walk in confidence that God Himself is performing all He desires in you. You give thanks in and for all things; Jesus Himself directs your every step, regardless.