

Sermon – 02.02.2025 – Receiving the Holy Spirit – Asking, Seeking, & Knocking

What If the Message Here is First & Foremost – Receiving the Holy Spirit

Luke 11:5-13 Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.' 8 "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9 "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. 10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. 11 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 "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?"

ASKING for the Holy Spirit - Asking is pretty simple, Just Ask

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

SEEKING the Holy Spirit – Inviting the Holy Spirit in the Way We Live

The Power to Impart the Holy Spirit is His, But, Receiving is Not a Passive Exercise

John 20:21-22 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace *be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.*" 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 3:1-3 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Ephesians 4:30-32 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit;

Romans 8:13-16 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ... 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

What Do You Have from the Lord? The Holy Spirit Empowers What Jesus Gave.

Acts 3:6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but <u>what I do have I give to you: ...</u> "

John 17:8a God's Word

John 14:27 "... My peace I give to you;

Matthew 10:12-13 "your blessing of peace.

Matthew 25:14 Gifts and abilities, God's words and strength

John 1:12-13 the right to become children of God, [Becoming more a child of God by Seeking]

John 13:15 "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you."

1 John 2:5-6 "...By this we know that we are in Him: 6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

KNOCKING – Increasing or Pressing Undeterred

...in *asking and seeking*, we must continue *pressing*, still knocking at the same door, and we shall at length prevail, not only by our prayers in concert, but by our particular prayers: *Every one that asketh receiveth*, even the meanest (humblest) saint that asks in faith. "*This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him*", [[Psalm 34:6](#)] When we ask of God those things which Christ has here directed us to ask, that his name may be sanctified, that his kingdom may come, and his will be done, in these requests we must be importunate, must *never hold our peace day or night*; we must not keep silence, nor give God any rest, until he establish, until he make *Jerusalem a praise in the earth*, [Isaiah 62:6-7](#),

~ Matthew Henry's Commentary

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