



KNOWING THE POWER AND PRESENCE OF GOD

LESSON TWO

LEARNING ABOUT GOD, JESUS, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

OPENING PRAYER: Lord, help us know You and respond to Your love by doing what pleases You.

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and 13. There is only one God and we are not to use Him as an add-on God to other gods, but love Him with all our heart and choose to be single minded in following His teachings. He wants us to be faithful to Him.
2. John 14:6 NIV Jesus answered, *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* There are not many ways to God and eternal life. Accepting Jesus for who He is as described in the Holy Bible is a choice offered for everyone.
3. John 11:25 NIV *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.*
4. John 12:44-45 teaches that Jesus is light which He offers to the world.
5. John 14:11 The miracles are evidence that Jesus and God are One.
6. John 14:15-17 NIV Jesus taught, *“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.....* John 14:26 NIV *“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”* John 16:13-16 NIV *“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”*
7. Read John 16:7-11 The Counselor (the Holy Spirit) brings conviction about areas in our lives that are not pleasing to God so we may choose to repent, change, and decide to live in a different way.
8. To be ‘full of the Holy Spirit’ can be life changing. What difference can this make in your life?
 - a. Acts 3:16 tells of Peter and John explaining to the people that the crippled man was healed by faith in the name of Jesus. Acts chapter 4 explains that the priests and the captain of the temple guard and Sadducees put Peter and John in jail because they were teaching the people about Jesus and the resurrection of the dead and many people believed them. Peter and John were brought before the rulers, elders and teachers of the law to explain what power or what name they used to cause the man to be healed. Acts 4:8 tells that Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, told them that it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and there is no other name by whom we must be saved. When the accusers saw the courage of Peter and John and knew that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they realized that these men had been with Jesus. They commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied that they could decide for themselves what is right about obeying God but they are compelled to speak about what they saw and heard.

- b. Acts 6:1-7 The disciples needed help with the distribution of food which was taking time from their ministry of prayer and the word of God so they asked that seven men known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom be chosen. Stephen was that man. Acts 6:8-10 NIV Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. Opposition arose and they argued with Stephen, but they could not stand against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke. He was seized and brought before the Sanhedrin. False witnesses testified against him. Acts chapter 7 tells that Stephen gave the history of the law and accused them of not obeying it. They were furious. Acts 7:55-56 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." His accusers dragged him out of the city and while they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them"
- c. Luke 2:25-35 tells of Simeon, who was righteous and devout and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God.
- d. Luke 1:11-17 tells of an angel's words to Zechariah about the birth of John (the Baptist) saying that he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth and he will go on before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.



One day while I was worshiping the Lord, I saw a faint image of Jesus with tears on His face. I asked, "What is it, Jesus?" I heard within my spirit, "My people do not know My presence. My people do not know My power." I made a commitment to go wherever He wanted and do whatever He directed if I could in any manner help people know His presence and power.



- 9. How does one connect with the Holy Spirit to become 'full of the Holy Spirit'?
 - a. Acts 2:38 NIV Peter replied, "*Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*"
 - b. Romans 8:5-9 *Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God.... You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.*
 - c. Worship, praise, and thank Father God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Pray specifically to welcome the Holy Spirit.

- d. Have a teachable spirit. Take time to listen as well as making prayer requests. Jeremiah 33:3 NIV *Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*
- e. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you, illuminate Scripture, and help you differentiate between what is of God and what is not.
- f. Be still before the Lord, listening for directions with the attitude of trust and the intent to obey what proves to be from God because it matches the teaching of the Bible and the character of God and promotes the love of God to His glory.
- g. Choose Jesus as Lord as well as Savior – follow His teaching. Second Corinthians 10:2-5 teaches about not living by the standards of the world but by divine power demolishing arguments against the knowledge of God and taking captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
- h. Deal with the sins that the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Choosing to repent/change.
- i. Turn from false gods and idols to enjoying the Presence of the One True God.