



## ***Message-based Study***

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Message: Holy Spirit Life

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### **Connection**

What was your exposure to church growing up, and how do you think it has played a part in who you are today?

### **Content**

Ephesians 4:3 tells us "Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."

The Holy Spirit keeps us united with God but also united together as His people. Today we will look at the unity we receive with the God the moment we accept Christ as our Savior and the role of the Holy Spirit.

**1.** What does it look like in practical terms to maintain unity in the church, or in your family? What challenges might we face when pursuing peace?

### **Accepting Christ**

**2.** Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-6. These verses changed everything. If you don't know Jesus, you can't receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus' death and resurrection offer us the opportunity for a relationship with God. Why do you think this may have been hard for some to understand or why can it still be hard to understand today?

**3.** Read John 3:1-9. One man who was able to have this all explained to him by Jesus was Nicodemus, a religious leader and Pharisee. Yet, In John 3:1-9, Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be "born again" to see the kingdom of God. What do you think Jesus meant by being "born of water and the Spirit"?

**4.** Read Luke 24:47-49. We have an acronym for accepting Christ.

We **ADMIT** we need help from God.

We **BELIEVE** in Christ's death and Resurrection for us.

We **COMMIT** to being more than a recipient but an active participant for God.

Jesus commands His followers to stay in Jerusalem until they are "clothed with power from on high." How does depending on the Holy Spirit enable and define our daily walk after we've given our lives to Christ?

### **Receiving The Holy Spirit**

**5.** Read Titus 3:4-5. We receive the Holy Spirit upon accepting Christ as our Savior. What else is important about this passage in regards to our salvation?

**6.** Read John 7:37-39, Acts 2:38-39 and Acts 8:12-17. What do each of these passages tell you about Baptism and its relationship to the Holy Spirit?

### **Commitment**

**7.** Read Acts 19:1-7. As Christians we have access to the "wind in our sails" when we have accepted Christ as our Savior. Although Baptism is important, it is not when we receive the Holy Spirit. How has the Holy Spirit been moving in you this week, and how is it the wind in your sails?

Make time this week and pray over this list, asking for the Holy Spirit to move in you.