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Experimental Knowing Begets Increasing Desire

“I want to know Christ, and The power of HIS resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing in HIS sufferings being conformed to HIS death,” Philippians 3:10.

This particular passage describes one that has tremendous, passionate, burning, and vibrant heart desire. This hunger did not manifest to this degree by hearing others talk about JESUS alone, this particular fiery passion came through personal visits spent with THE SPIRIT of God. Paul had forsaken all, and counted all that he had been and had achieved (which was quite remarkable) as rubbish to know Christ more deeply. The Apostle was so touched with hunger in the depths of his spirit man that he had this one main focus and it was to know CHRIST. He was so given over to this tenacious resolve to be more like Jesus, and to know in increase THE SPIRIT of ALMIGHTY GOD that brought about this resurrection power. This Apostle was experiencing a colossal hunger regarding his priceless relationship with JESUS so much so that he had no reservations including the willingness to suffer in exchange for experiencing HIS Lord's heart for humanity, and expressing that very Agape love himself.

The Psalmist expressed this vividly, intense, fortified, longing type desire in Psalm 42:1, “As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs for you Oh God.” This sort of yearning has with it an overwhelming compulsion, and is a force to be reckoned with. An animal that is panting due to experiencing that degree of thirst has a boiling zeal for one thing and that is to meet that need to drink. The Psalmist could not have casually, without a serious intent or commitment met God and wrote with such affection. Yes, The Words penned were under THE INSPIRATION of THE HOLY SPIRIT, but THE HOLY SPIRIT rest upon those who are yielded and sincerely, earnestly asking.

There is such a critical, imperative, almost past having, and painstakingly need today in our hour for Spiritual Awakening. Man kind's heart has developed (within THE CHURCH) as filled with many other objects of affection, many other lovers if you will. For THE BODY of CHRIST to develop this type of hunger and thirst which is spoken of in The Apostle Paul and of the Psalmist, there must be experimental knowing, (those encounters that are personal and ongoing with HIM.) This particular model of relationship is costly yet has been purchased, it is an easy yoke, but takes great effort; it is extreme and called fanatical and even legalistic by those who do not walk there in it. Even so, this passion, and fiery zeal for HIS Presence is what we were created for and all else in place of, will cause us to come up markedly short and distinctively unfulfilled. We were fashioned to KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM, and ENJOY HIS PRESENCE

We cannot manufacture, self-provide, frame or fashion this kind of a fiery love for HIM, but Praise be to God and Honor to JESUS CHRIST we have been given a SUPERNATURAL HELPER. The Sweet Holy Spirit is the third part of THE HOLY TRINITY, yet HE is the most unrecognized and least taught about and sought after. There are more disputes and disunity, with fear and confusion regarding HIM; yet it was HE that wooed us to JESUS before we ever accepted CHRIST. HIS DELIGHT IS to give us wisdom and revelation to know Christ better. It is HE that when invited and HIS presence acknowledged will take us into the very throne room of God. The Sweet HOLY SPIRIT is the one that is with us now and longs to teach us, train us, empower us, cause us to be a bold witness for CHRIST, develop our love to be mature, and gives us eyes to see the vast and dire need of humanity. It is THE SWEET HOLY SPIRIT that keeps us on THE ROAD that is straight and narrow, with THE FATHER's PLUMBLINE. The Holy Spirit explains in Technicolor THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD, and causes God's Word to come ALIVE in us. JESUS is THE WORD, and THE HOLY SPIRIT loves to captivate our hearts to HIM. It is HE that produces the encounters and causes a deep hunger within us for more. The HOLY SPIRIT gives us the grace in the midst of any adversity to stand and when we have done all to continue to stand. It is HE that seals us after our redemption.

When we say with a sincere heart, “I want to know Christ, and the power of HIS resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing in HIS suffering being conformed to His Death, We are saying, Teach me HOLY SPIRIT, Baptize me more into HIS love, I want to know all about HIM, and YOU, SWEET HOLY SPIRIT can help me. I want to know about YOU HOLY SPIRIT, I want to be yielded to YOU and allow YOUR Power to flow through me. Equip me Sweet HOLY SPIRIT to desire fellowship with CHRIST in such manner that I feel HIS heat beat for a lost and dying world. Mold me HOLY SPIRIT by YOUR fruit which is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, and SELF-CONTROL. Extract from me the gifts from YOU that are needed at any given time for THE GLORY and PRAISE of JESUS. Get me to such a yielded place with YOU that I die daily to my will for THE FATHER's WILL to be done. Cause HIS WORD TO BE ALIVE IN ME, GIVE ME INCREASING ENCOUNTERS, that Experimental KNOWING that BEGETS INCREASING DESIRE FOR HIM. Like on the day of Pentecost, HOLY SPIRIT, FIRE AND WIND, SWEET HOLY SPIRIT BLOW ON US AGAIN.

Students Testimony

Hello, my name is Joey Fontenot. I am 32 years old from Oakdale, Louisiana. I had the Lord in my life when I was a child. My family took me to church every Sunday and Wednesday. My family took good care of me. When I became a teenager, I lost touch with God. I started to smoke weed at the age of 16. I hung around some bad kids and done many things that were wrong. My parents tried to keep me away from these people, but I didn't listen to them. At the age of 20, I started using prescription pain killers. I had a good job in Oakdale, making good money. At the time I thought I had things under control. Eventually I started to spend all my money on drugs. When I was 24, things took a turn for the worst, in my life. I was introduced to Meth. I started going down a terrible road in my life. I eventually lost my job. My behavior started to change. I started stealing in order to support my drug use. I would try to go back to work and my drug use kept me from doing so. I would get a job and quit or get fired. I would not finish anything that I started. I lost complete control of my life. I started to have panic attacks and suffered with depression. I stole from my parents and from stores. This was the only way I could support my drug use. I have been to jail several times for theft. I would get out and do the same thing over and over again. On march 23, 2012, I went back to jail for theft. This is when I realized my life was going nowhere. I got on my knees and cried out to the Lord. He heard my prayer and I found Shiloh Ministries. When I arrived here, I cant explain the love I felt. I accepted Jesus in my life. He restored my mind and made me a new creation in Christ. Since I have been here, the Lord gave me a word "perseverance". He made it clear to that I could make it with Him in my life and that I could finish anything that He gave me to do(James 1:12). I would like to thank Pastor Rocky and Sister Debbie, Cliff, Jarrod & Chris for showing me how to be a responsible man of God. My plan after I graduate is to come back as a intern staff member here at Shiloh Ministries.



My name is Landon Mathis. I am from Natchitoches, Louisiana. I come from a wonderful loving family that have always been there for me. From the time I was 18 years old off and on I have used alcohol to escape from a feeling of unworthiness and low self esteem. It was during these times my life and my mind were in complete darkness. I couldn't even see what I was doing to myself, my family, and others around me. Alcohol changed everything about me. On June 19, 2012 I entered Shiloh Ministries and surrendered my life and bondage of alcoholism and sin to God. Colossians 1:13-14 says, "God rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved son." Through Him we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. I have been saved, born again baptized into a new life with Christ that has been transformed and my mind renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit. I no longer have a partition that blocks my faith in the deep things of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold all things become new." I thank God everyday for His mercy and grace on my life and His love of sheltering me from the fears of the future and the anguish of my past life. I am so grateful for my loving family, my beautiful children, Cody, Hanna, Molly and their mother for all their prayers and patients that got me to this place called Shiloh. I want to thank Pastor Rocky and Sister Debbie Fondren for this rewarding experience that was made possible, because of their obedience to God's call on their lives. I thank Brother David, Cliff, Jarrod & Chris, for their help in teaching me the truth about Jesus Christ. The truth shall set you free (Jn. 8:32). After graduating I am going to spend some much needed time with my family before returning over sea's to go back to work. God bless you all!



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