

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit: Always and Deep

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Scripture: Zechariah 4:6; Philippians 2:13, Psalm 42:7, Galatians 5:22-23

Sermon Overview: We are not always aware of the Holy Spirit's presence or our need for the Holy Spirit. But as believers, we can be sure that the Holy Spirit is always at work in us and through us – whether we know it or not.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. In what areas of your life are you trying to accomplish God's work through your strength? How can you choose to surrender, trust, and allow yourself to be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. The Holy Spirit is ALWAYS and ALWAYS at work in us. The Spirit is all throughout Scripture from beginning to end. How have you seen the Spirit working in your life? Where do you see the Spirit leading you in the future?
2. The Holy Spirit is always BEYOND. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and Romans 14:23b. Anything that lasts forever must be done by faith through the Spirit. What are you doing by faith right now? Is there anything you believe that the Lord is calling you to do by faith? How is walking by faith going beyond your natural self?
3. The Holy Spirit is DEEP. What unanswered questions do you have? Can you imagine a scenario where your frame of reference may not be large enough to understand the answer? How can you trust God through these unanswered questions? How can you still rest in His hope and joy?

Digging Deeper:

- Read Psalm 42. What needs does the Psalmist express? What do you notice about what the Psalmist is experiencing? Can you relate to any of these sentiments? How does the Psalmist encourage himself in the Lord? Now read Philippians 2:12-18. How do these verses respond to the trials the Psalmist was enduring? How do they respond to your trials? Where is the hope hidden in Psalm 42 and Philippians 2?

Practical Application:

- This week, when you become frustrated or upset, stop and practice saying, “Not by might nor by power, but by His Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty (Zechariah 4:6). Consider how this verse changes your perspective on the situation.
- Memorize this poem by Grace Noll Crowell:
“Dear heart, God does not say today, ‘Be strong’;
He knows your strength is spent, He knows how long
The road has been, how weary you have grown;
For He walked the earthly roads alone,
Each bogging lowland and each long, steep hill,
He understands, and so He says, ‘Be still,
And know that I am God.’ The hour is late,
And you must rest awhile, and you must wait
Until life’s empty reservoirs fill up,
As slow rain fills an empty upturned cup.
Hold up your cup, dear child, for God to fill.
He only asks today that you be still.”
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