



Shelby Christian Church

CORE 52: LIVING IT - HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 1:8, ACTS 2, JOHN 16:13-14, GALATIANS 5:22-23, EPHESIANS 1:13 * 8/3/2025

What is the most dramatic thing you have ever witnessed? Do you enjoy telling people about what you experienced? Why or why not? What, in your own words, does it mean to be a witness? Why do you think Jesus chose that word to describe what His followers would be in the world? What is a common misconception about the Holy Spirit that you've had to work through in your own life? What are some principles you use to help you determine if you're hearing from the Holy Spirit or your own mind?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ACTS 1:8

What does “power” from the Holy Spirit mean in this context? In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit’s power in your life? How does the Holy Spirit enable believers to be witnesses? Why is witnessing described as expanding from Jerusalem outward? How does this verse shape the mission of the early church and the church today?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ACTS 2

How do the disciples respond to the coming of the Holy Spirit? What are some ways the crowd reacts to the disciples speaking in different languages? What message does Peter preach to the crowd? How does Peter explain what has just happened? What is the response of the people after Peter’s sermon? Do you think it adds or reduces confusion that we don't often see such visible displays of the Spirit's power in the church today? Why?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 16:13-14

Who is the “Spirit of truth” Jesus is referring to? What does it mean that the Spirit will “guide you into all the truth”? How does the Spirit’s role differ from human teachers or leaders? Why is it important that the Spirit will “glorify” Jesus? How might this promise have comforted and encouraged the disciples?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GALATIANS 5:22-23

What are the nine qualities listed as the fruit of the Spirit? Why do you think Paul uses the word “fruit” instead of “fruits”? Why is it important that these qualities are described as the fruit of the Spirit and not just behaviors to strive for? How do these characteristics reflect the nature of God and Christ? What does it mean for these qualities to be evidence of the Spirit’s work in a believer’s life? What does Paul mean by saying “Against such things there is no law”?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ EPHESIANS 1:13

Why is hearing and believing the gospel essential for inclusion in Christ? What is the “gospel of your salvation” referring to? What significance does the "seal" of the Holy Spirit have in the context of salvation? What does this verse teach us about the role of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life?

APPLICATION

Why is the Holy Spirit such a confusing and challenging topic for believers? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life? If you could lean into the power of the Spirit more, what would you want him to do for you? What should be different about your life if you believed and acted upon that benefit? Of all the things the Spirit does for us, which is most important to you right now? Why?

The Spirit is always communicating in various ways. Brainstorm together ways that we can pay more attention to the various ways the Holy Spirit want to speak to us.

PRAYER