

“Union in Christ: Life in the Spirit (part 6)”
John 6:28-34

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A. The Holy Spirit: Forming Spiritual Foundations

1. The Holy Spirit produces sensitivity to sin
2. The Holy Spirit produces illumination of truth
3. The Holy Spirit produces hunger for the Word
4. The Holy Spirit produces hunger for Prayer

B. The Holy Spirit: Promoting Spiritual Growth

1. The Holy Spirit equips and enables us to love (Romans 5:1-5)
 - a. Love God
 - b. Love believers
 - c. Love unbelievers
2. The Holy Spirit creates desire for obedience (Psalm 119:1-8)
 - a. The happiness of obeying God's Word
 - b. The required effort to obey God's Word
 - c. The struggle to obey God's Word
 - d. The heart condition necessary to obey God's Word
3. The Holy Spirit empowers us to put to death the flesh
 - a. Recognize our chief enemy
(Galatians 5:17,19-21, Ephesians 2:1-3)
 - b. Recognize its sin producing tactics
 - Human weaknesses (Matt. 26:38-41; I Cor.9:27)
 - Spiritual inattentiveness (Matt. 26:38-41)
 - Tyranny of the urgent (Eph. 5:15-16; Phil. 1:9-10)
 - Procrastination (Luke 9:57-62)
 - c. Recognize our spiritual resources (2 Timothy 1:7)
 - Power in a renewed mind – “standard of teaching”
 - Love from a renewed heart – “from the heart”
 - Self-control out of a renewed will – “become obedient”