

Greater Pleasant Branch Baptist Church: Wednesday Bible Study- September 20, 2023

Book Review: Help Is Here: Fresh Strength and Purpose In the Power of the Holy Spirit

Supplement : Key points regarding the Holy Spirit- from the book: Not A Fan by Kyle Idleman

Chapter 6- Self- Empowered or Spirit- Filled

1. When we try to follow Jesus without being filled daily with the Spirit we find ourselves frustrated by our failures and exhausted by our efforts.
2. When you become a Christian you receive from God the gift of the Holy Spirit. That is his promise to all who put their faith in him. So it is not a question of whether or not you have access to the power of the Holy Spirit; the question is , have you accessed it ?
3. Being filled with the power of the Spirit begins with an honest acknowledgment of our own weakness Paul understood that living in the power of the Spirit means shining a light on our weaknesses-2 Corinthians 12:9-10.
4. Paul reminded the believers in Galatia who had stopped living in the Spirit's power and had started to depend on themselves how foolish that is, and then he made it clear what they needed to do- Galatians 5:25. This passage of Scripture paints a picture of someone walking , and every step they take, they take in the Spirit. The basic idea is that you live with a moment by moment awareness of the Spirit until walking in the Spirit becomes as natural as breathing.
5. When the Holy Spirit moves in and takes up residence in you, then you should increasingly find that there isn't much room for you. And slowly you find that your pride, impatience, selfishness, and lust are taken off the walls and carried out the door. You exhale and breathe out the clutter of darkness of you and make room to be filled with the Spirit.
6. Believers live with a continual awareness of the Spirit's presence and a constant prayer to be filled with his power.
7. Believers understand that following Jesus is a journey they were never to make alone. Instead we keep in step with the Spirit and he supernaturally gives us the strength and power we need.

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