

How to Begin a Relationship with God

To begin a personal relationship with God, please consider these four fundamental truths from the Bible:

- (1) God loves you and wants you to enjoy a forever relationship with Him. (John 3:16)
- (2) Failure to live up to God's standard of holy perfection (sin) has resulted in separation from God that will last forever for everyone who does not believe. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
- (3) To solve the problem of sin that separates you from God, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for your sin by dying on the cross. (1 Peter 3:18)
- (4) Everyone who makes a personal decision to trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior from sin receives forgiveness from sin and enters God's forever family. (John 1:12)

If you want to make the decision today to begin a relationship with God, you can express your faith in Christ by personally praying the following:

"Father, thank You for loving me and wanting a relationship with me. I admit that I have sinned and that I need a Savior. I believe that Your Son, Jesus, died on the cross to pay for my sins. I trust Jesus alone as my Savior. Thank You for making me part of your family."

If you made a decision today to trust in Jesus as your Savior, let us know by indicating on the communication card OR by telling a pastor. We want the opportunity to rejoice with you and help you take your first steps in this new relationship.



Set the Stage:

Acts 1:12-14

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:5-13

The Text – *The church was born in _____ by the _____ of the Holy Spirit.*

The Point – *The presence & power of the Holy Spirit enable the church to _____.*

So What?

- _____ to the Spirit
- _____ the Spirit

Personal Study

(1) Read Acts 1:1-11. How do you think the disciples felt after they had spent three years with Jesus, witnessed His death and resurrection, then received a commission from Him and saw Him leave? _____

(2) Read Acts 1:12-14. What words stand out to you as important in this text? What point is the author Luke making here? _____

(3) Read Acts 2:1-13. In the context of all of chapter 2, what do you think the Holy Spirit was doing by manifesting Himself in such a visual and powerful way in verses 1-13? _____

(4) Looking back at your answer to question 1, how do you think the disciples' feelings changed after the Holy Spirit filled them in Acts 2? _____

(5) Read Galatians 5:16-18. What is the relationship between the believer and the Holy Spirit in the battle against sin? _____

(6) Read Galatians 5:22-25. What does Paul mean when he says that against the fruit of the Spirit "there is no law"? _____

(7) Read Romans 8:9-11. How can we be sure that we have the Spirit of God residing in us? _____

Personal Application

(1) How have you quenched the work of the Holy Spirit in your own life? Give a specific example: _____

(2) In Acts 2, the crowd gathered to witness the amazing work of the Holy Spirit among the early disciples. What is the Holy Spirit doing today that attracts people to Jesus? _____

(3) Do you feel like you have an easy time or hard time hearing the voice of the Spirit? Explain your answer: _____

(4) What can you do in the next week to improve your sensitivity to the leadings and promptings of the Holy Spirit? _____

(5) What would do differently if you truly believed (and remembered) that the Holy Spirit resided in you wherever you go? _____

(6) What is the difference between a Christian who is law-driven in their walk with God and one who is Spirit-led? _____