

Covenant and the Comforter-week 6

Covenant is based upon God's Unconditional Limitless love for us and expressed thru His mercy and grace towards us.

God's got a plan. Better covenant better promises

2 Peter 1:3-10 AMP **3** For His divine power has bestowed on us [absolutely] everything necessary for [a dynamic spiritual] life and godliness, through [d]true *and* personal knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. **4** For by these He has bestowed on us His precious and magnificent promises [of inexpressible value], so that by them you may escape from the immoral freedom that is in the world because of disreputable desire, and become sharers of the divine nature.

What a promise we have in receiving the Holy Spirit!

5 For this very reason, applying your diligence [to the divine promises, make every effort] in [exercising] your faith to, [e]develop moral excellence, and in moral excellence, knowledge (insight, understanding), **6** and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, steadfastness, and in *your* steadfastness, godliness, **7** and in *your* godliness, brotherly affection, and in *your* brotherly affection, [develop Christian] love [that is, learn to unselfishly seek the best for others and to do things for their benefit].

This sounds very similar to Galatians 5:22-23 AMP The fruit of the Spirit.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

2 Peter 8-11 AMP **8** For as these *qualities* are yours and are increasing [in you as you grow toward spiritual maturity], they will keep you from being useless and unproductive in regard to the true knowledge *and* greater understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For whoever lacks these *qualities* is blind—shortsighted [closing his spiritual eyes to the truth], having become oblivious to the fact that he was cleansed from his old sins.

10 Therefore, believers, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you [be sure that your behavior reflects and confirms your relationship with God]; for by [f]doing these things [actively developing these virtues], you will never stumble [in your spiritual growth and will live a life that leads others away from sin];

11 for in this way entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly provided to you.

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Question Pastor DL posed to us Sunday. How well do we know Him(Holy Spirit)? Are we walking in all that He has given?

Are we just satisfied with a small part?

The Holy Spirit is very precious! He leads us, guides us, directs us, empowers us, etc..

Here are three areas the Holy Spirit operates in the believer.

John 14:15-17 1) The Spirit dwells **with** you.
2) He shall be **in** you.

Acts 1:8 you shall receive power when..

3) He comes **upon** you.

What a promise fulfilled! No wonder Peter proclaimed that we have received **everything** that pertains to life and godliness.

Gods gift to us truly is exceedingly great and precious!

Romans 8: 1-17

We no longer walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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