

# Sunday, December 1, 2024

*1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.*

## **Title: The Believer’s Greatest Continuous Need**

**Series:** Life in the Spirit ... 6

**Text:** Luke 11:1 - 13; Matthew 5:13 - 16;  
John 13:35 - 35

**Purpose:** I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to DAILY invite the Holy Spirit to impact their inner man, the born again creation of God Almighty!

## **Introduction:**

Two weeks ago we considered ‘Three Hinderances Against the Holy Spirit:’ 1) Be Aware of CARNALITY; 2) Be Aware of GRIEVING the Holy Spirit; 3) Be Aware of QUENCHING the Holy Spirit

Last week we considered three character quality habits (that which we are able to develop) that aid a believer in being open to the work of the Holy Spirit: 1) God Says – Not Live by Bread Alone; 2) God Says – Do Not Put Your God to the Test 3) God Says – Worship the Lord Your God

~ Read Zechariah 4:1 – 14

~ Zechariah 4:6 – 7, “Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. (7) Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”

## **1. God, the Father, Gives the Believer the Holy Spirit – When We Ask:**

~ Luke 11:1 - 13

~ Some of the highlights:

~ vs. 1, “teach us to pray”

~ vs. 2 – 4, “When you pray,”

~ vs. 5 – 8, Illustration of a friend in need.

~ vs. 9, “And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, it will be opened to you.”

~ vs. 10, Promise

~ vs. 11 - 12, “What father among you,”

~ vs. 13, “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to you children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

~ John 7:37 – 39, (39) “Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

~ John 14:16 – 27, (16) “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.”

## **2. God, the Holy Spirit, Desires Believers to be Salt and Light:**

~ Matthew 5:13 – 14, “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. (14) You are the light of the world, A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (15) Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. (16) In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

~ Two main purposes of salt:

~ flavoring food and preserving food

~ As BELIEVERS our presence should add a wonderful flavor to people around us and our presence should help preserve others.

~ Some of the primary purposes of light:

~ Dispelling darkness; ~ Enhancing visibility and safety;

~ Influencing mood and mental health

## **3. God, The Holy Spirit, Desires Believers to Manifest Love:**

~ John 13:34 - 35, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love (G25, agape) one another: just as I have loved (G25, agape) you, you also are to love (G25, agape) one another. (35) By this all people will know that you are my disciples, If you have love (G26, agape) for one another.”

~ John 21:15 – 17, “When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love (G25, agape) me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love (G5368, phileo) you.” He said to him, feed my lambs.” (16) He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love (G25, agape) me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love (G5368, phileo) you.” He said to him, Tend my sheep.” (17) He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love (G5368, phileo) me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love (G5368) me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love (G5368) you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

~ Agape love is the unconditional, selfless and sacrificial love that God shows to us and that we are to show to others.

~ Phileo love, philia refers to brotherly love and is most often exhibited in a close friendship.

~ Galatians 5:22 – 23, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

## **Conclusion:**

Song – The Love of God is greater far ...

Communion