

# Life in the Spirit

## Seminar #4

### Receiving God's Gift

1. Turning to Him: Repentance
  - A. We need a change of direction, a reorientation of our lives;
    - Away from those things which block our relationship with God
    - Towards God and obedience.
      - a) Only when we follow Him can He lead us to a new life.
      - b) God does not want the obedience of slaves, but He wants the obedience of sons and daughters.
      - c) We must accept Jesus as our Lord.
  - B. Repentance Involves:
    - a) Honesty
    - b) Humility
    - c) Renunciation
    - d) Asking forgiveness for what we have done wrong
  - C. We must specifically turn away from non-Christian religions, spiritualism, witchcraft, occultism, sexual intercourse outside of marriage, adultery, murder, robbery, cheating (business deals, exams etc.), lying, slander, drunkenness, illegal drug use.
2. Turning to Him: Faith (belief)
  - A. Faith means relying on what God said (Matthew 14:22-23).
    - a) We know what God says is true
    - b) When we see that God has promised us something, we can expect it to happen.
  - B. We can expect God to baptize us in the Spirit (Luke 11:9-13).
  - C. Those who have not been baptized, sacramentally, in water, must be in order to be fully united with Christ.
3. Being baptized in the Spirit
  - A. Next week there will be an opportunity to be prayed with to be baptized in the Spirit.
  - B. What we can expect to happen:
    - a) what happened at the first Pentecost-all were filled, not just some.
    - b) we can expect God to touch us personally with the power of His Holy Spirit ( initial experience varies)
  - C. Obstacles to receiving God's grace:
    - a) feeling of unworthiness
    - b) fear of making a fool of one's self
    - c) fear of having our personalities taken over
    - d) doubt
    - e) pride
    - f) fear of what others might think