The Mystery of The Holy Spirit

The Gift
- A Part of God Himself—The Holy Spirit
- You have to let this gift live in the deepest parts of you

God and man had intimacy before Adam and Eve sinned
- After they sinned, 235 years went by before man called on the name of God again
- Moses met with God face to face in the tent of meeting
- God has something even better and more mysterious for you—you are the tent

INTERMISSION QUESTION: Have you ever had a thought or revelation that couldn't have come from you?

Throughout life we gather knowledge like a computer
- Is there a search engine for the eternal, limitless knowledge base of God?
- When we get plugged into the Spirit, it is like having a search engine connected to God Himself

"But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God" (1Corinthians 2:10).

The "deep things of God" are where the mysteries are found

Before and after the Holy Spirit in the lives of the disciples:
Before:
- The disciples argued over "who was the greatest"
- Jesus rebuked Peter and told him, "Get behind Me, Satan!"
- The disciples were not around for the Crucifixion
- They didn't realize they were the twelve baskets left over after Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes

After:
- The disciples were willing to give themselves over to prayer and fasting
- Peter spoke boldly before 3000 people
- The disciples were willing to stand as martyrs—and they did
- Peter's shadow healed the sick

How does the Holy Spirit enter the spirit of man?
- Within every person there is a spirit encased within a soul
- The more a person resists the Holy Spirit, the thicker the wall of the soul becomes
- This hardness of heart can keep a person from hearing God

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- God speaks through the spirit to provoke a person's spirit to come to life:
    - A dream
    - A vision
    - A prophetic word
    - An act
    - An act of kindness
    - Exposure to others who have the Holy Spirit in them to provoke them

When you know God, your spirit comes alive

What does the spirit of a person who does not know God look like?

- It is like an unfertilized egg
- It is dormant
- It needs the light of the Son to give it life

When someone does receive the Holy Spirit by believing in Jesus, they become "born again" because the seed of Heaven has entered the egg and new life has begun

- One of the ways the Holy Spirit can touch a person is through a dream.
- Revelation acts when we don't know what we don't know
- God, who knows everything, allows us to get glimpses of things that will help us
- God wants to reveal things to us that we don't know, because He loves us

The Holy Spirit expands our spirit

- The transformation process begins with the breaking of our souls
- When our spirit expands, it becomes capable of holding everything God wants to share with us
- When the Holy Spirit comes in, limitations are removed

Where do you start?

- Ask God to show you where you have made Him too small
- Ask Him to show you the painful places that hide behind the walls you built
- Trust Him to remove those walls
- Pray not my will but Your will be done

How do you expand your spirit?

- Through prayer
- Prayer makes your soul submissive to your spirit
- Brokenness is God's pruning process

How do you get through the painful time of pruning?

- Ask yourself if you really want a deeper walk with God
- Are you ready to let the Holy Spirit to infuse you?
- Are there places in you that the Holy Spirit wants to enter?
- Are you ready for the deepest parts of God to touch the deepest parts of you?

It is possible to expand your spirit so much that you change the atmosphere around you

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John Paul's Prayer

Father, You are the light of the world. And that same light that you had, you shared with me. Father, I want to use that light to touch others. I want to touch people just as Peter did, from a shadow length away. Increase Your light inside of me. May everyone I come in contact with recognize something different in me—and that difference is you.

And Father, I pray, that everyone watching would fully understand the value of this incredible gift You've given to us; this deepest, most intimate part of You—Your Holy Spirit.

Increase Your presence in each of our lives and increase Your presence in them. Make them a light to the world. Not just a symbolic light, but a tangible, visible light, that causes strangers to stop and ask for prayer. May this light, this Spirit they carry be felt whenever they enter a room. May their arrival change the spiritual atmosphere and advance Your kingdom.

In Jesus' name,
Amen

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