

## **PART 13 - HOW DOES ONE ABIDE?**

The question we are going to unpack in part 13 of this Holy Spirit teaching, is "How do we abide?"

As previously stated in part 12, the "how", is probably the most asked question out of all questions. How do I do this or how do I receive this, or how do I enter into this?

These are valid questions, but they can also reveal operating systems at work within us, which still have ourselves at the centre of things, as opposed to Him. In others words we still look to ourselves to bring us into life as opposed to Him.

There is only one "how to", to this abiding life and that is through the Spirit. It's our deep spiritual fellowship or oneness with the Spirit, through God's divine grace, which enables and empowers us to abide in Him.

The simplicity behind this truth is profoundly deep, and leaves many going, "Yes I know it's the Spirit," and then in the very next breath, we are found asking for the "how to" again.

The Spirit is the "how to" as 1 Corinthians 2:10 testifies.

1 Corinthians 2:10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

The key words are God revealed them "through the Spirit."

It's exactly the same when it comes to entering into God's truth. It's the Spirit of God who is the "how to."

John 16:12-13 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come."

The key to this abiding life is coming to have a divine eternal fellowship with the Spirit, through the power of the Spirit. There is no other way. It's that simple and you either know of it through experience or you don't. It's not complicated.

Another example of this comes from 1 Corinthians 2:5 where we see Paul saying that our faith is to rest on God's power and not on the wisdom of man.



If we are unfamiliar with this "how to" of the Spirit, can I encourage us all to turn to the Father and start asking the Father to show us what this spiritual dimension is in Him. This is the only way we will come into this abiding life in and of the Spirit.

## **QUESTIONS**

- 1. How many times do you find yourself asking for the "how to?"
- 2. Why do we continue to ask the "how to" question?
- 3. Why is the Spirit the only "how to"?
- 4. What life do we come into when the Spirit does what He has been sent for?

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