

Embracing the Supernatural

CONSECRATION 2015

We want to make sure that we can bring everybody to the same mindset. This week, we are going to eliminate sugar, caffeine, coffee, tea, sodas, and carbonated drinks. This is for the benefit of those of you who will not read any further.

I attempted to explain last week the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church today. I am convinced that many Christians fail to understand that He is the agent that The Father has chosen to work through in the dispensation.

No Christian or Church will get anything accomplished in the Kingdom of God without Him. When we know that, then it becomes imperative that we learn as much about Him as we possibly can. It is more difficult to understand the Holy Spirit than it is to understand Jesus. Why do I say that? Well, Jesus came in the flesh and we know that. The Holy Spirit was given when Jesus left this flesh to ascend to Heaven. He has not been visibly seen, but His power has always been seen even from the beginning!

The Power of the Holy Spirit has not diminished. His power was demonstrated in the church in Acts 2. The change in the response to His presence in the church has been in the believer. Our failure to believe and rely upon Him is very clear. The Bible tells us to trust in the Lord with all of our heart and to lean not to our own understanding. It is my understanding that often gets me in trouble



because my carnal mind is hostile against the Holy Spirit.

During this period of fasting and praying, I am asking God to help me to transform my mind (Romans 12:2). Ask God for the same thing for yourself. We are asking God to help us to have a renewed mind.

The word renewing means renovation or having a complete change for the better. I've also been teaching on walking in love. I have told our congregation that it is impossible to obey Jesus, as stated in Matthew 5:44, and love your enemy without divine help. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the will of God in our lives.

Jesus said that our Heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. If you are a Christian, and you have not been filled with the Spirit, then all you have to do is ask for Him.

Even if you have been saved for a long time, you may not have been walking in the Spirit. It is easy to develop a way of relating to God without relying on His Holy Spirit. I'm challenging you to seek out the presence of Holy Spirit in your daily functioning. It's impossible to put the flesh into submission without the Holy Spirit.

For those of you who can, please meet me in prayer on our regular prayer night at 7PM and during our special time of prayer on Fridays at 7:30 PM. If you cannot make it because of work, or if you live far away, pray during that time with us or with a group of others near you.

Remember, that we ask that you will only eat one meal a day after 6PM, or after prayer.

Pastor Earl and Denise Goings

Week II Prayer Objectives

- ▶ **Pray for the salvation of loved ones and people coming to know Christ.**
- ▶ **Pray for the church to grow up and mature and to walk in love.**
- ▶ **Pray that God will grant a greater understanding of the Holy Spirit**
- ▶ **Pray for a renewed mind**