

Bay City Wesleyan Church
May 20, 2018

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Sunday Morning 05-20-2018

Jesus promised, "You will bear fruit, lots of fruit, lasting fruit." John 15:5

Let's pray at 1:55 PM daily to see Jesus producing fruit in and through us.

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Claiming the promise in 2018

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The Promise:

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

In practice, I struggle with a "theology of distance." And I'm not the only one. There's something in us that feels like God watches us from a distance - if he's aware of us at all. We tend to think of God up there somewhere out of reach and out of touch with our lives.

Sermon in a Sentence:

God the Holy Spirit plans on doing great, loving, wonderful things for, in, and through you.

1. Holy Spirit celebrates your value to him.

Zephaniah 3:17 NLT

17</small> For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

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2. Holy Spirit convinces you that you need Jesus.

John 16:7-11 NLT

7</small> But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. 8</small> And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. 9</small> The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. 10</small> Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. 11</small> Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

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3. Holy Spirit calls you to experience the life he gives.

Romans 8:10-11 NLT

10</small> And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. 11</small> The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

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4. Holy Spirit comforts you.

2 Corinthians 1:4 NLT

4</small> He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

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5. Holy Spirit counsels you.

John 16:13 NLT

13</small> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/jhn.16.13.nlt>

6. Holy Spirit connects with you.

John 14:15-17 NLT

15</small> "If you love me, obey my commandments. 16</small> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17</small> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/jhn.14.15-17.nlt>

7. Holy Spirit cleanses you from sin.

Acts of the Apostles 15:8-9 NLT

8</small> God knows people's hearts, and he confirmed that he accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. 9</small> He made no distinction between us and them, for he cleansed their hearts through faith.

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8. Holy Spirit confirms your relationship with Jesus.

Romans 8:15-16 NLT

15</small> So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16</small> For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.
<https://bible.com/bible/116/rom.8.15-16.nlt>

9. Holy Spirit helps you to conform to Jesus's character and love.

2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT

18</small> So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.
<https://bible.com/bible/116/2co.3.18.nlt>

10. Holy Spirit conveys gifts to you to help others through you.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NLT

4</small> There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. 5</small> There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. 6</small> God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. 7</small> A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.
<https://bible.com/bible/116/1co.12.4-7.nlt>

11. Holy Spirit communicates the truth about Jesus to others through you.

Acts of the Apostles 1:8 NLT

8</small> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
<https://bible.com/bible/116/act.1.8.nlt>

12. Holy Spirit confers the authority of King Jesus to you to transform lives through you.

Luke 9:1-2 NLT

1</small> One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. 2</small> Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.
<https://bible.com/bible/116/luk.9.1-2.nlt>

"Come on, Holy Spirit.
Let's do life together."