

The Fire of God

Holy Spirit - He is a person, and He does the same thing He did in the beginning - that is to pull light and life out of Chaos.

When He is at work in our lives - He changes us by fire.

THE FIRE OF GOD:

- His Work in your life
- His Experiences
- His Encounters
- His Trials and Tests

Holy Spirit Fire uses His fire to Produce, Reduce and Fuse.

- Produces the character of Jesus in us
- Reduces the things that are not of God
- Fuses us together with himself.

Producing Fire

2 Timothy 1:5 - 7 ^{KJV} 5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith (NIV - sincere faith) that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God (NIV – Fan into flame), which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not give us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound mind 8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

- God uses other people to help ignite you.
- Paul reminds Timothy there was a sincere faith that was in His grandmother, His mother, and sees the same spark in you.
- There's Power in remembering and reflecting. There is Power in placing confidence in what God has done in others and is doing in you.

Fan into flame - Lean into Holy Spirit and the gift of God in you until it's bigger than the voice of your haters, shut the mouths of your hecklers, and swallow up the complaints. God working in you is bigger than the obstacles.

Holy Spirit Fire Produces - Reveal, build or bring out

- Power, love, and a sound mind.
- Revelation of God
- Testimony of fire

Acts 28:2-6 ^{NIV} – The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. 3 Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. 4 When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his

hand, they said to each other, “this man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live.”⁵ But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.⁶ The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead, but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

Holy Spirit Fire Reduces – change to its purest form - Purity.

- Removes what God didn’t plant so we can receive and be built up
- Reduces our words sometimes
- Reduces to ashes
- Reduces our shame

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.¹⁴ If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.¹⁵ If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Hebrews 12:27-29 – And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸ Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire.

Holy Spirit Fire Fuses - makes two or more become one, united, weld, or melt with fire

- His body together in love with himself

Ephesians 4:16^{KJV} – From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted (knitted together) by that which every joint supplieth according to the effectual (effective) working in the measure of every part (each part doing its share) maketh increase (causes growth) of the body unto the edifying of itself in love

The fire you help ignite is sometimes the same fire that refreshes and helps to keep you hot and burning.

Ezra 3:10-13^{KJV} - And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

¹¹ And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord; because he is good, for his mercy endureth forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

¹² But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

¹³ So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Don't just burn to yourself but kindle others. We worship together; however, God leads us, and our fire touches each other. We help one another to burn and stay hot. Most fires spread because another fire touches it, and it begins to burn too.

STAY HOT

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