



Session 04
The Holy Spirit and New Birth

INSTRUCTOR



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He is married to Susan, and they have four children. In 2011 Stephen and Susan embarked on yet another journey: together with 25 college students they planted a multi-everything church for the Frankfurt metro region. Through the refugee wave that came over Germany, this church multiplied to 15 congregations in 6 years.

Goals

This 14-session course will focus at the Definition of “Christian Spirituality”; a gospel-driven Spirituality; Christ – the goal of our spirituality; the role of the Holy Spirit in our spiritual formation; 4 aspects of God the Father that are cornerstones in spiritual formation: sovereignty, holiness, love, pleasures of God.

Sessions Overview

1. Foundations
2. Christ as the Foundation
3. The Holy Spirit-Introduction
- 4. The Holy Spirit and New Birth**
5. The Holy Spirit and Control of Body
6. The Holy Spirit and Impressions
7. The Holy Spirit and Help
8. God's Sovereignty
9. God' Holiness
10. God's Love
11. Character Development
12. God's Pleasures
13. Gospel Driven-Part 1
14. Gospel Driven-Part 2

Session Summary

In this session, we continue to look at the role of the Holy Spirit as the foundation of our Christian Spirituality. We will look at the baptism of the Holy Spirit, union with Christ, adoption into sonship, and the church as the bride of Christ.

Fill in the Blanks

1. In your own words, explain John 3:6 and its role in Christian spirituality.

2. What is being born again?

3. What does it mean to be baptized into union with Christ?

4. Dr. Beck talks about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and mentions different Christians' views on this, referencing the end of Acts chapter 1 and the beginning of Acts 2, John 1:33, and Luke 3:16-17. What are the two views?

5. What is our union with Christ, the "great exchange", and what does it have to do with living Christian spirituality?

6. Memorize Romans 8:14-17. Who can you share these verses with today?

7. Dr. Beck says, "Christian spirituality is daily living like sons and daughters of Christ, not orphans." What does this mean to and how can you apply it to your daily life?

8. Why is it important to be in a local expression of the body of Christ? What does it have to do with dynamic Christian spirituality?

9. Church life can be messy, and many painful experiences can come with being involved in your local church community. How can we be challenged by Dr. Beck's experience of pastoring in the Toronto church, when we encounter our own struggles

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in the church community life?
