

## DO YOU LOVE MY PRESENCE?

Introduction:

### 1. Why Would I Love the Holy Spirit?

#### A) Because He is God

- > Remember the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:37-38)
- > Remember, the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:1-4)
- > Remember, the Holy Spirit is the third member of the Triune God

#### B) Because of What He does

- > His role in salvation (John 16:5-8; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:8-9)
- > His role in sanctification (Galatians 5:16-21)
- > He empowers us to serve the Lord

In the proclamation of the gospel (Acts 1:8)

In the ministration of our spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

#### C) Because of His proximity (John 14:16-17)

- > The Holy Spirit abides in the child of God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- > Because I love God I love His presence I love the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26-27)

### 2. How Do I Express my Love for the Holy Spirit?

#### A) I submit to His direction in my life

- > The Holy Spirit reveals the mind and will of God to us

The Holy Spirit was instrumental in giving us the Bible (2 Pet 1:20-21)

The Spirit of God knows the mind of God and has revealed it in the Bible (1 Cor 2:10-13)

> The Holy Spirit not only reveals the will of the Father, He helps us to obey it (Romans 8:1-9)

> The Holy Spirit enables me glorify Jesus Christ (John 16:13-14)

B) I seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)

> Parsing the verb – be “being” filled

> Applying the comparison

Don't be drunk with wine – under the control of alcohol

Other uses of “filled” (John 16:6)

What does being filled with the Holy Spirit look like in practice? (Acts 2:4; 4:8; Eph 5:19-6:9)

C) By seeking to honor, not offend, the Holy Spirit

> That is why we are warned against resisting the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51-52; Hebrews 3:7-8)

> That is why we are warned against grieving the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:25-32)

> That is why we are warned against quenching the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

### 3. Some Indicators that Reveal My Love for the Holy Spirit

A) The transformation of my character (Galatians 5:22-23)

> As you consider that fruit ... and then look at your life ... what do you see?

B) The transformation of my life

> You and I are called by God to be holy – set apart, for God and His use (1 Peter 1:15-17)

The ministry of the Holy Spirit

C) The transference of my confidence

> From confidence in my strength to confidence in my weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)