

Worship Priority:

While there is so much Christians can find in the Bible to agree on about the Holy Spirit it seems the mention of His name brings up highly charged opinions even frustrating and anger for many Christians. I have heard arguments we are least confident in tend to create the greater anger. Bottom line, the Holy Spirit is real and purposeful and I think Satan uses our ignorance to distract the church. Allow me to list Scriptures that I think are most important as we consider the work of the Holy Spirit in our priority of worship. He points all people to Jesus at all times- Jn. 15:26. He uses Scripture to remind us and help us understand things we should know & do—Jn. 14:15-25. It is not the HOLY Spirit that leads a church into chaos or overcomes believers to lose control of their faculties - 1 Cor. 14:33. The “fruits” of the Spirit, or lack thereof (Gal. 5:22-24) are good indicators as to whether alleged “gifts” are authentically from the Holy Spirit. Anyone that thinks the mind of God and the role of the Holy Spirit can be outlined on paper and comprehended by man has not read the Bible. (Ro. 8:26; Jn. 3:1-13; Rom. 11:34; Is. 55:8,9)

NEXT WEEK

Title: “Encountering God—through postures of worship”

Text: Rev. 4:8-11; Neh. 8:6; Hab. 2:20; Matt. 2:11; Ps. 47:1; 2 Sam. 6:14, 16. 22

Question: How can your posture help you express your worship to God?

When was the last time you physically expressed your response to the Lord's goodness in your life?

Got Questions?

You can text a question or suggestion to 478.227.8522. Doug will get back to you with an answer, and we'll possibly address your question in an upcoming sermon.

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November 1, 2015 | “Encountering the Holy Spirit in Worship”

Texts: Acts 4; Gal. 5:19-26; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Jn. 15:26; 14:15-25; 1 Cor. 14:33; Ro. 8:26; Jn. 3:1-13; Rom. 11:34; Is. 55:8,9

IN A NUTSHELL According to Acts 4 when we encounter the Holy Spirit amidst corporate times of prayer & worship we could see some or all of these things which happen totally at God's discretion, not by man's invention or device. The overriding manifestations of the presence of the Holy Spirit include: respectful boldness of the believers and indisputable resources & successes of the gospel among the believers and unbelievers.

ICE BREAKER When is the last time you prayed for revival? Why? Why not?

WINDOWS IN THE WORD

1. What things “happened to the church” in Acts 4?
2. What things did “the church do” in Acts 4?
3. What happened “amidst the church” outside of their control in Acts 4?
4. What was Paul saying to the most divided, confused and argumentative church (Corinth) found in the Bible when he said, “*You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.*” See also 1 Cor. 14:12,20
5. What is the difference between “manifestations of the Spirit” and the “fruits of the Spirit”? Gal. 5:19-26

WINDOWS INTO MY HEART

6. If you had a choice between having the power to do miraculous things and gain a large audience or the power to live every day filled with resolve growing in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control which would you choose? Why?
7. What would you say is the most “noteworthy” thing that happened in Acts 4?
8. What would you like to see in Acts 4 happen to Timber Lake today?

WINDOWS TO THE WORLD

9. How might Randolph County be changed if we prayed for boldness to share Christ with others amidst difficult situations?

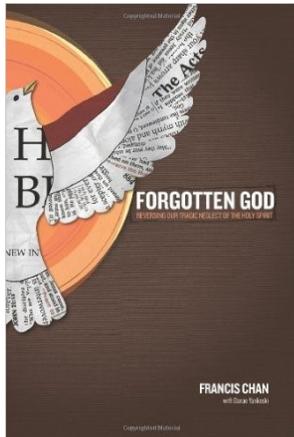
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A Worship Resource



Title: Forgotten God— Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit

by Francis Chan

Other Resources:

Counterfeit Revival by Hank Hanegraaff

The Holy Spirit by Jack Cottrell

Book Review— There have been many books written over the years about what to believe about the Holy Spirit. Battle lines have been drawn between churches and denominations about when the Holy Spirit shows up, how He does it, and what is supposed to happen next. Chan has no axe to grind with theological debates and steers away from these often bloodstained battlegrounds. Instead he writes how Christians in western culture, regardless of what they say they believe about the third member of the Trinity, live as though the Holy Spirit had long since retired. Francis covers the following:

1. The role of the Holy Spirit as Jesus' promised gift.
2. Fears and concerns about the Holy Spirit
3. How theology about the Holy Spirit has more to do with how a person lives than what they say they believe.
4. Motivations around the Holy Spirit and his power.
5. What a relationship with the Holy Spirit can really be like.
6. Letting go of manipulation and control by trusting the Holy Spirit.
7. Living in true community with the Holy Spirit and with others.

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Encountering God in Everyday Life

Think about the Synergy Milestones. How would you break down the key principles of this sermon/these Scriptures and describe them to each age/maturity level?

#1 "Discipleship" - Put on your small group list of "Let's discuss this book." Francis Chan's book "*Forgotten God*"

#2 "Early Years" - This is a good age to begin discussing the difference between the Holy Spirit (Ghost) and things related to Halloween (ghosts). <https://carm.org/halloween>

#3 "Teens" - Check out and discuss with your teens this article: "The Difference Between Emotion and Emotionalism in Worship" <http://www.renewedinspirit.org/2010/07/difference-between-emotion-and.html>

#4 "Supporting Adulthood" - Put on your small group list of "Let's discuss this book." Jack Cottrell's book "*The Holy Spirit—A Biblical Study*"

#5 "Legacy" - (Changes and opportunities: Resources to support spiritual growth through later years.) Discuss with your children/grandchildren how you have seen the Holy Spirit lead you through various serious transitions in life. James 1:5-6; Ps. 119:105, 32:8; Jn. 16:13; Pr. 3:5-6



FAMILY/COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

This week at supper read, discuss the meaning of and pray about the "Fruits of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-24). Look for ways to foster hope in the worlds in which each of your family members live. Believing in the Holy Spirit and celebrating life means living in hope. Have a positive, enthusiastic and supportive attitude rather than a critical one. See how that habit changes your next time "at church."

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