



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

“COME HOLY SPIRIT”

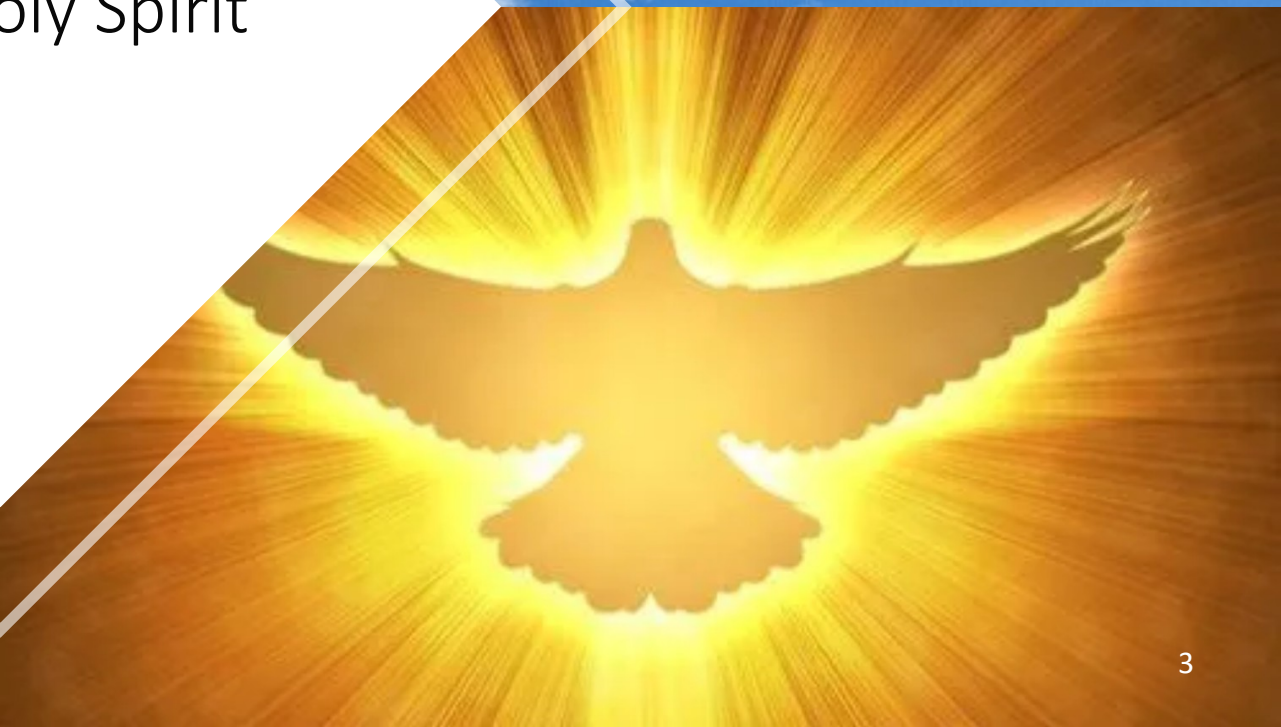
April 10 – May 22, 2021

LISS Topics

- Week 1: God's Love
- Week 2: God Saves Us
- Week 3: New Life
- Week 4: Receiving God's Gifts
- Week 5: Receive the Holy Spirit
- Week 6: Growth
- Week 7: Transformation



Come Holy Spirit

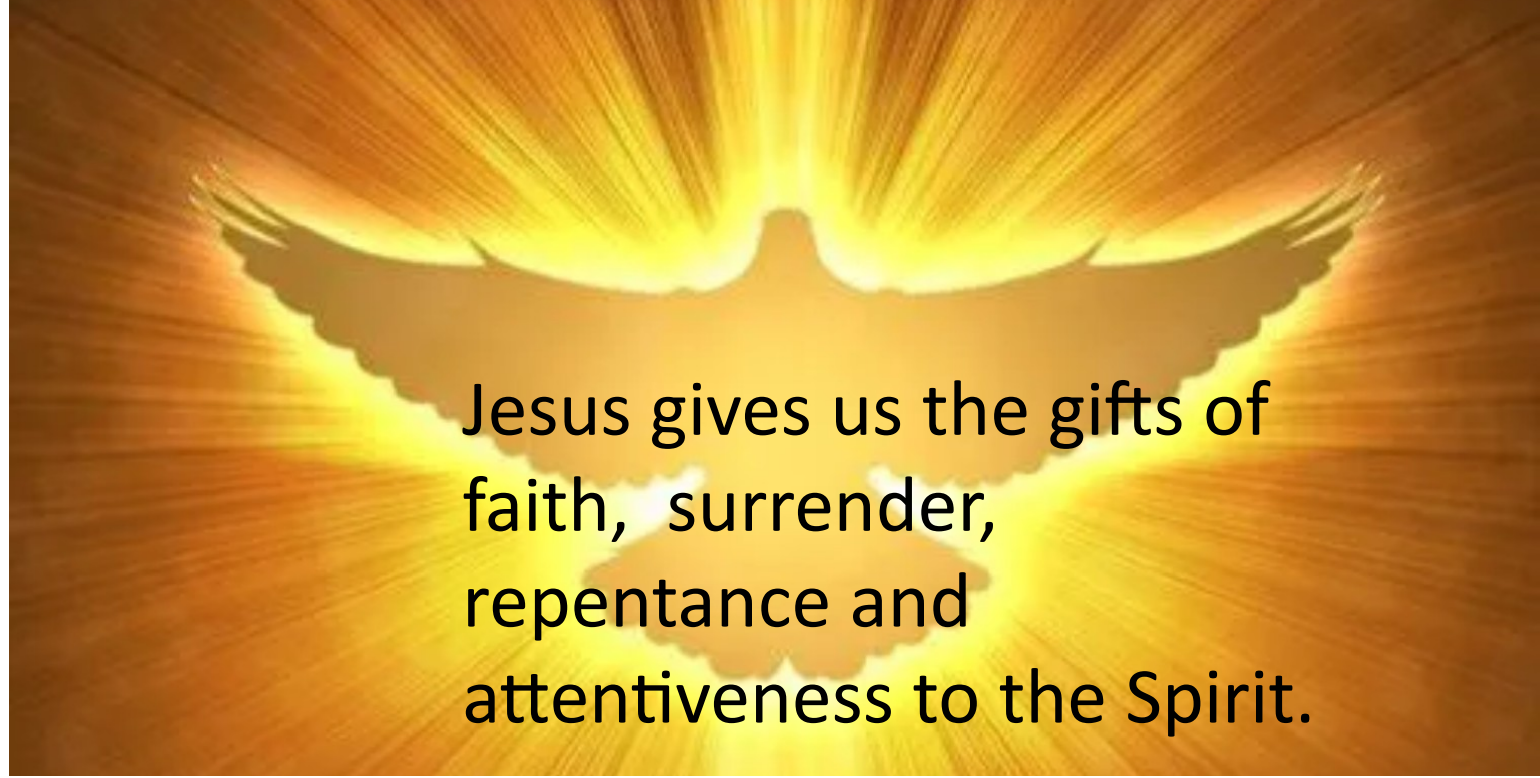


Receiving God's Gifts

BRIEF OUTLINE

Living the new life God has begun in us through the Sacraments Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Just as Jesus abandoned himself to the Spirit and the Father so must we. Jesus gives us the gifts of faith, surrender, repentance and attentiveness to the Spirit.

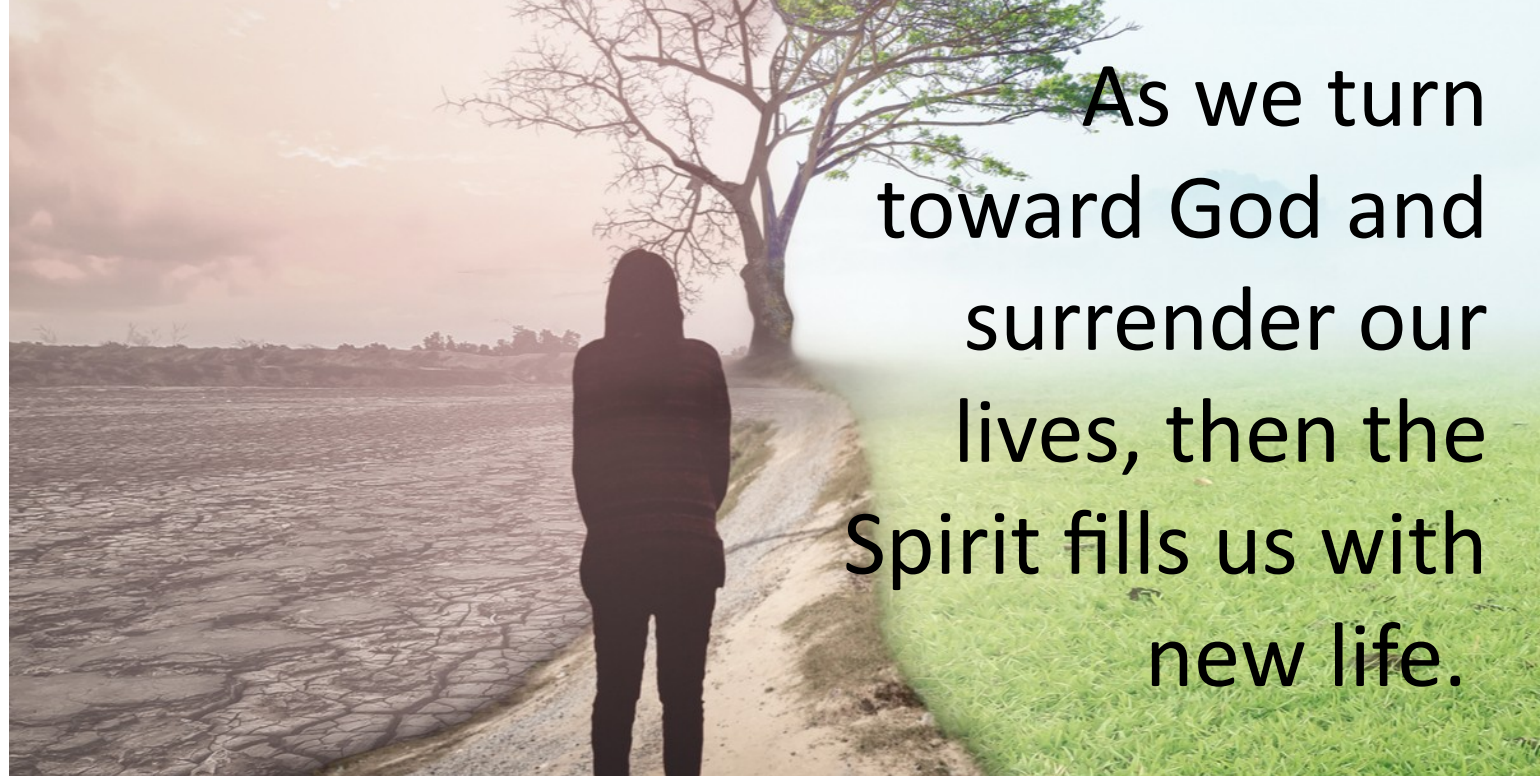


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We fall in love with Jesus.

There is a new fire that burns within our hearts, and a river of life in our souls which constantly refreshes and sustains us. Mary is an example of surrender to God.



As we turn toward God and surrender our lives, then the Spirit fills us with new life.



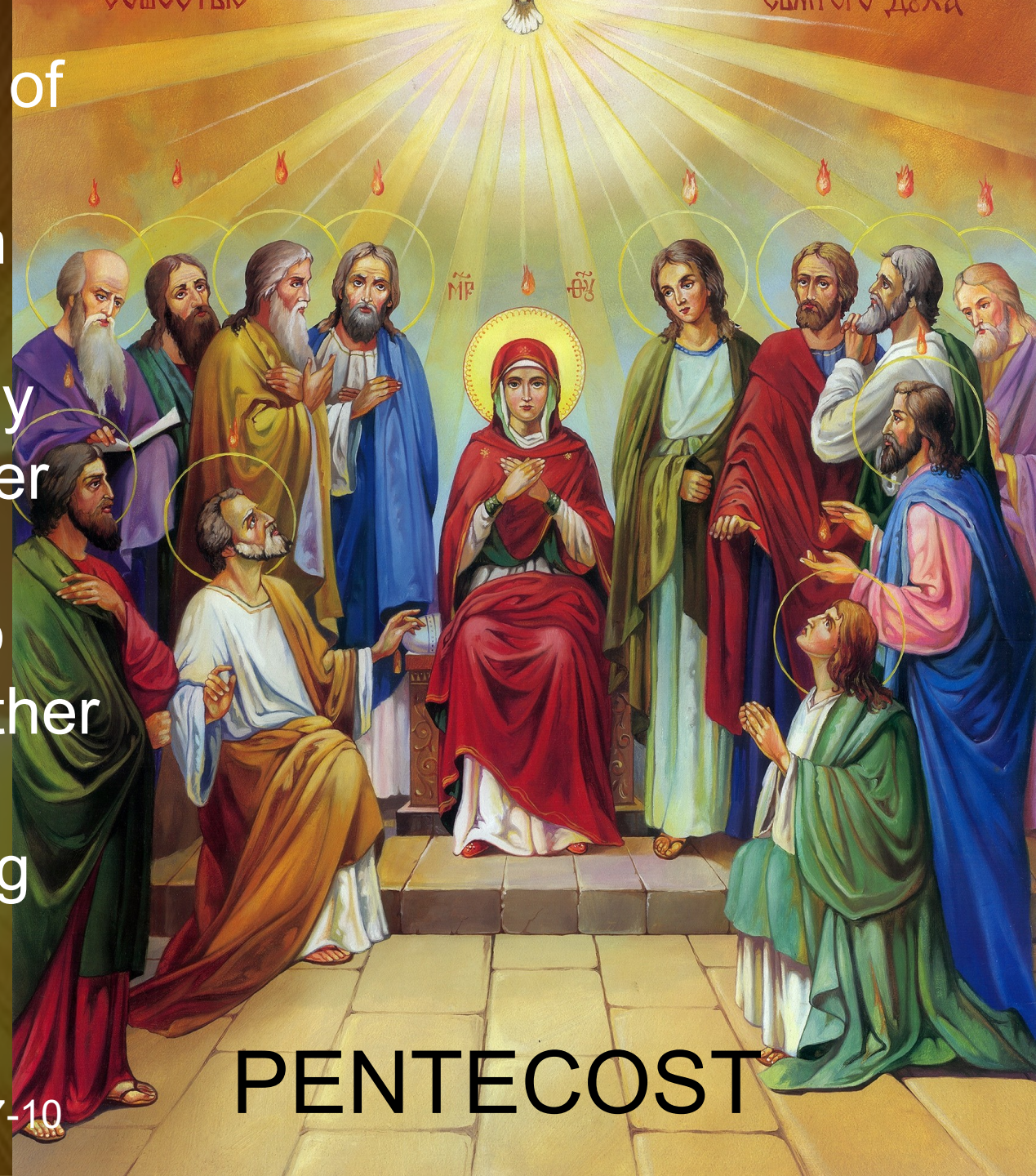
Jesus must be
our only Lord.
God gives us
the Sacrament
of
Reconciliation
to help us
return to God.

Following Jesus
involves turning
toward God and
away from all those
things which block
our relationship with
God.



Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:7-10



PENTECOST



Week 4: Receiving God's Gifts – Sr. Nancy Kellar



Are you hungry/thirsty for
“more” God has for you?

Be expectant

Desire.

Ask

Receive





What is the work of the Holy Spirit?

There can be no experience of God
except by the Holy Spirit.



What
happened at
PENTECOST?



You will be baptized in the Holy Spirit
and filled with power. (*Acts 1:5*)

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8





Questions To Consider

1. What importance do repentance, conversion or reconciliation have in your family?
2. What mental picture do you have of the disciples on Pentecost?
3. What do you expect to happen when we pray for baptism in the Spirit next week?
4. How could charisms like healing, prophecy, wisdom, the gift of tongues help in daily life?

Study

This week the two chapters we will read are about the life of the Spirit and the power of God in us:

- John 14
 - Jesus Comforts His Disciples - Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me.
 - Jesus the Way to the Father - I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know^[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.
 - Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit - And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
- Acts 8
 - The Church Persecuted and Scattered - Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church.
 - Philip in Samaria - When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. Impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.
 - Philip and Simon the Sorcerer - Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit
 - Philip and the Ethiopian – Philip helps the Ethiopian with a passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

Pray ...

- Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your people and enkindle in us the fire of your love, Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.
- O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit does instruct the hearts of the faithful grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His Consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Daily Words – Day 1

God has a new life for you, because he loves you. It is a gift. You cannot earn it or deserve it. God's word says:

When the kindness and love of God our savior for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our savior.

(Ti 3:4-6, JB)



Daily Words – Day 2

The new life in the Spirit is a gift, but you have to turn to Jesus to receive it. All those who come to him receive new life abundantly. Jesus says:

If any man is thirsty, let him come to me? Let the man come and drink who believes in me? As scripture says, From his breast shall flow fountains of living water.

(Jn 7:37-38, JB)



Daily Words – Day 3

To turn to Jesus you turn away from everything incompatible with the life he is offering (repentance) and accept the promises he is making (belief and faith). When you turn to Jesus in repentance and faith, he can give new life to you. Jesus says:

“The time has come” he said “and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News [the gospel].”

(Mk 1:15, JB)

Daily Words – Day 4

This new life is for everyone who will turn to the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit is for you. Satan will try to deceive you into thinking that you are someone who cannot be baptized in the Spirit, but the word of God says:

You must repent...and every one of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.

(Acts 2:38-39, JB)



Daily Words – Day 5

You cannot earn or deserve the gift of the Holy Spirit, but you do have to put away everything in your life which is incompatible with the Christian life. The new life means that you will be holy as God is holy. God's word says:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor sexual perverts, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.

(1 Cor 6:9-10, RSV)





Daily Words – Day 6

Faith means relying on t what God has promised. You know that God can do anything. You know that he does not lie. Rely on God’s promise and claim them from him as Abraham did, and you will see him work in a new way in your life. God’s word says:

Since God had promised it, Abraham refused either to deny it or even to doubt it, but drew strength from faith and gave glory to God, convinced that god had power to do what he had promised.

(Rom 4:20-21, JB)

Daily Words – Day 7

When you turn to the Lord in repentance and faith, all you have to do is ask the Lord for the fullness of life in the Holy Spirit. We know that we can have the Holy Spirit, because God loves us and wants to be fully united to us as possible. Jesus promises that the Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you... What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of fish?...If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?

(Lk 11:9-13, JB)



Commitment Prayer

Jesus, I know now that I am Yours and You are mine forever.

Thank You for sending Your spirit to me that I might have the power to live this new life with You.

Stir up Your Spirit in me. Release Your Spirit in me. Baptize me with the fullness of Your Spirit that I may experience Your presence and power in my life. That I may find new meaning in your Scriptures.

- . That I may find new meaning in the sacraments.
- . That I may find delight and comfort in prayer.
- . That I may be able to love as you love and forgive as
- . You forgive
- . That I may discover and use the gifts you give me for the life of the Church.
- . That I may experience the peace and the joy that you have promised us.
- . Fill me with Your Spirit, Jesus. I wish to receive all that You have to give me.

Amen





End Week 4
