



Experiencing the Transforming Presence & Power of the Holy Spirit

Session 1: The Promise of the Indwelling Holy Spirit
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Main Idea

“The need is urgent for every believer to experience the person and power of the Holy Spirit from a clear, inside-out, distinctly New Covenant perspective.”

(Daniel Henderson, *The Transforming Spirit*, p.26)



A New Paradigm

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A New Covenant

A Superior Covenant

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Hebrews 8:6

“But Jesus has now obtained a superior ministry, and to that degree He is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been established on better promises.”

An External Presence (Old Testament)

Cloud and Fire (Ex.13:21-22)

The LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to lead them on their way during the day and in a pillar of fire to give them light at night, so that they could travel day or night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night never left its place in front of the people.

Filled Tabernacle and Temple

An Internal Presence (New Testament)

Abides Within Us
We are the Temple

The Promise of Another Helper

John 14:16-18

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

His Presence through the Paraclete

God's Plan from the Beginning



The Gospel is the New and Powerful
Lens through which we see and
experience the transforming
presence of God.

Inside-Out Transformation

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The transforming power of a new covenant experience of the indwelling Holy Spirit is promised in Scripture.

2 Corinthians 3:18

We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:13

*For it is God who is working in you
both to will and to work according
to His good purpose.*

Ephesians 3:20

*Now to Him who is able to do
above and beyond all that we
ask or think according to the
power that works in us—*

Colossians 1:27

*God wanted to make known among
the Gentiles the glorious wealth of
this mystery, which is Christ in you,
the hope of glory.*



The need is great today.

Some Statistics

The proportion of Black adults who say church involvement is overall “desirable” is on the decline:

Year	Very Desirable	Somewhat Desirable	Total
1966	71%	19%	90%
2020	44%	30%	74%

[George Barna, State of the Black Church Report]

Younger generations are turning away from the church faster than any other age group, with a third of Americans between ages 18 and 35 choosing no affiliation with religion. Instead many are being drawn to astrology and the occult.

SPIRITUAL IDENTITY AMONG BLACK ADULTS

Barna

Which item best describes you?

● I am spiritual and not religious ● I am religious and not spiritual ● I am neither spiritual nor religious ● I am both spiritual and religious

All Black U.S. adults



Black Gen Z



Black Millennials



Black Gen X



Black Boomers





The promise of the Holy Spirit is
to **EVERY BELIEVER**
in **EVERY GENERATION.**

Acts 2:38-39

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”