

We need to learn how to enter into the liberation of our spirits. Our spirit is encased in our soul, it needs to be able to ascend into the heavenly places in Christ, and break free from the limitations in our soul life.

The lord desires to interpenetrate (if one substance interpenetrates another, or if two substances interpenetrate, they spread into each other and become mixed) us. It is the interpenetration of God and man.

Our spirit is like a womb, when the living word of God was conceived in it, we received the life of God in a measure. This life will begin to grow until it overflows and interpenetrates every area of our soul-life.

Our soul is like the grain of a seed, which has to die, or be broken so that the life of the seed can grow and produce the fruit that is inherent in it. In the seed is the blueprint of our new identity, we are predestinated to be conformed into the image of Christ.

Receiving the Holy Spirit is the greatest thing that can ever happen to us. The death of Jesus Christ upon the cross and all that He did would have no effect in us without the Holy Spirit who deals with our hearts, and makes real to us the provision Jesus made for us and bringing us into it.

The Holy Spirit came to bring a oneness to the church. After the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit entered into the disciples, the people marveled at them and took note that they had been with Jesus. God's wisdom had penetrated their thinking, only a few days before they were arguing over who would be the greatest. They had listened

to Jesus for three and a half years, but his teaching never penetrated their heart until he was raised from the death and breathed into them the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost, Suddenly everything was moving by revelation, the interpenetration of the wisdom of God. The Spirit of God got into them and they became one before the Father.

John 14: ²⁰At (intimate union with) that (at one, that person") day (an appointed time, used of time) ye shall know (to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of, perceive, feel) that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

John 17: ²⁰Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; ²¹That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. ²²And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: ²³I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Jesus prayed for distinct individuals to come into the oneness of the Spirit. To have the same oneness that Jesus had with the Father. That their individuality would be swallowed up as their focus turned from themselves towards God and one another. That the love of God would be shed abroad in their hearts to the level where they would no longer even give thought to their personal needs, but be focused on meeting the needs of the family of God. When those in the world would see the love that the disciples of the Lord had for one another, they would know that the Father sent Jesus to be their savior, and loves

them the same way that He loves Jesus. That the inheritance Jesus has can also be theirs.

Another word for oneness is interpenetration. In the realm of spirit it is possible for one person's spirit to be able to reach into another's. The qualities in our spirit penetrate into others. The things of the spirit are transferable (to move from one person to another) they are contagious (transmitted from one person to another either by direct contact with the person or by indirect contact).

Each time we contact God, something of God interpenetrates us. We need to stop seeing ourselves as an individual who is separate from God, as those who are trying to serve Him. We must penetrate into God and God must penetrate into us, until Christ shall dwell in our hearts by faith. We need to believe to be filled with all the fullness of God. Oneness is not something that either is or isn't; it exists to varying degrees.

On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon a people who already had the Spirit. What happened on the day of Pentecost was a matter of degree. Many people were filled with the Spirit in the Old Testament. But never before had the Holy Spirit so penetrated a person that he could say it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. The relationship that Jesus had with the Father has now been made available to us. He that is least in the kingdom is greater than John the Baptist. Never before had a people moved into God, and had God penetrated them as on the day of Pentecost. And never had men moved into God so much. The interpenetration of God and man had come about by the Holy Spirit, who is our means of learning how to get

into the depths of God and to draw from and give in God in a greater measure.

John 14: ⁹Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? ¹⁰Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Jesus is declaring that the Father and the Son have so interpenetrated one another so deeply that you cannot look at one without having a revelation of the other. Jesus is coming to be glorified in the personalities of the saints. The time will come when people cannot look upon us without having a revelation of Christ. We will have penetrated into God to such a depth that they will no longer see us at all, but they will see the Christ into whom we have penetrated and the Christ who has penetrated into us.

What does it mean for God to live in us? It is more than initial salvation. It means to the depths of your being, into our spirit, into our conscious mind, into our subconscious mind, into our heart desires and attitudes, into our very responses, into every area of our lives, Jesus has penetrated until He has invaded every part of us! Jesus is in us, but the measure we have possessed of Him is not enough; the measure He has possessed of us is not enough.

The night the Lord was betrayed, Satan entered into Judas's heart, and he then went out and betrayed the Lord. Satan penetrated into his heart and motivated and moved him. When those who were possessed by devils saw the Lord, they would cry out, "We know who Thou art,

the Christ of God". The demons had penetrated into their minds (their thoughts) and spoke through their mouths, those devils could be seen in the expression of those individuals. If demons can do this, how much more can God penetrate into us, so that we are so filled with His Spirit, that when we speak it will be God speaking through us. This was the key of the early church. They were ordinary people, but God had so penetrated into them, that they became His oracle (a message believed to come from God).

As we begin to reach into God we begin to participate in His attributes. We reach into God and He begins to penetrate into us. This is what it means to grow spiritually. He must increase; we must decrease. He is taking over, with more and more of the Lord and less and less of us, until we reach into the greater works. God will have so penetrated us that He is now able to manifest Himself through us.

The Father had so penetrated into the Son that the Word says, *Col 2: ⁹For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.* God has given us His Spirit and has commanded us, to be filled with all the fullness of God. We are called to penetrate more and more into God, until we are filled with all His fullness.

We have to seek the Lord until we break through into an awareness of Him, until our awareness of Him is greater than our awareness of our natural surroundings. It is a penetration into the presence of God. It is in His presence that His Spirit penetrates into us.

What God desires is to bring us into a oneness with one another, a penetration of one another, until we're not even looking out for ourselves, but for our brother or sister. I have penetrated into their life, their being, their spirit, and they have penetrated into mine. This is

what happened at Pentecost. Never again was there jealousy among those apostles or the one hundred and twenty believers; they laid down their lives for one another. They had all things in common because they had lost their state of individuality. They had all so penetrated into the Spirit and so much of the Spirit had entered into them, to turn around and lie to one another was to lie to the Holy Spirit. With a greater penetration into God, we will have a greater endowment, and will become more accountable to God.

1 john 3: ¹⁶Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

There has to be an awareness of Him, a reaching into Him in order to minister effectively. To prophesy to someone, we first must penetrate into the Spirit and then you penetrate into the other person's spirit. We have to Draw more of the Lord, and penetrate into Him and then focus it on the one to whom we are ministering. We do not prophesy just to reveal facts to people, but to impart to them from the Lord. As we speak the word of the Lord to them, they will feel the power and the impact of it, because those words will be filled with the Spirit.

The army of the Lord will be raised up through prophesying the word of the Lord (Ezekiel 37). In the book of revelation, the spirit of prophecy was so great upon the one speaking that John fell down and was ready to worship him because He thought it was Jesus. The man said, "Don't do it, I'm one of your brethren" (Revelation 19:10). It was the testimony of Jesus. The effectiveness of our prophesying is dependent upon the measure in which you reach into the Lord and live in Him.

We will be facing more pressures in the days to come; we have to learn how to enter into a depth in the Spirit that we have not gone before. The days are changing faster than most of us are growing in the Lord. We must get into that penetration into God until He becomes our fortress and strength. But if we are abiding in the Lord and the Lord is abiding in us, then we can ask what we will, and oh, it will be done (John 15:7), because the force we turn loose in the very words we speak will be almost beyond description.

You can't see anything but perfect victory in Jesus Christ or have anything short of perfect victory when you are interpenetrated into Christ in fullness, because according to every promise, every declaration, every word, His victory is complete and full.

Whatever the Son hears the Father say, the Son says. Whatever the Holy Spirit hears Jesus speak, He speaks, He doesn't move on His own initiative; what He hears is what He speaks. This is oneness; the Godhead has ceased to be distinct. We need to stop thinking of ourselves as individuals, and begin to think of ourselves as part of the Body of Christ. As the Body is not one member but many, so also is Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12). We need to so penetrate into God and one another so that we no longer move as individuals but as one body of Christ in the earth. It will be as the Body of Christ, so that when one prophesies, everyone will say, "that's just what I was going to say." We are going to have the mind of Christ; we are going to all speak the same thing. When one member of the body is honored we will all rejoice. When one member suffers, we will all suffer.

Jesus can so penetrate into our lives that we will never be the same, we can never go back to the things that He has delivered us

from. We are no longer focused on ourselves, but upon the Lord and ministering His fullness to one another.

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