

## HOLY SPIRIT: COMMUNION

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

We commune with the material world through the body. We commune with the spiritual world through the spirit. The spirit is where God communes with us, and we commune with God. Worship, communion, and fellowship with God are experienced in the spirit. The things of God are revealed to us through His Spirit (I Corinthians 2:10). In our human spirit we know the things given to us by God (2:12). The Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual (2:13). He that is spiritual judges all things (2:15). Paul told the Corinthian church, “And I brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal...” (3:1). Man’s spirit apprehends things directly, not through reason or feelings. As Christians we are able to do this, because God gave us a new spirit through regeneration. Spiritual truths are communicated to our spirit in spiritual language. The Word of God is the language of the Spirit. Spiritual goals are achieved through the spiritual processes of the Holy Spirit. That includes worship. Everything pertaining to God – seeking His will, obeying His commands, and proclaiming His truth necessarily arises out of communion with the Holy Spirit in our spirit. The mind submits to the rule of the spirit. Emotions follow the intuition of the spirit; our will obeys God’s Word through the spirit. Our ability to believe the Word depends not so much on what we know, but how much we are able to assimilate. Furthermore, “what comes from the Holy Spirit enters our spirit, and whatever the Holy Spirit transmits through our spirit can reach the spirits of others” (Watchman Nee). The Holy Spirit gives us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation (Ephesians 1:17). Spiritual progress is accomplished by receiving and obeying the revelation of God (Colossians 1:9-10). The supreme principle of spiritual growth is to train our spirit to know and follow the Holy Spirit.