

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, April 3, 2016
Desire Fresh Fire
4 The Holy Spirit and Fire

TEXT: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 / Leviticus 9:23-10:2

We started this year talking about this word: "Desire Fresh Fire, not strange fire". We reviewed the things that God has given us for our church family. We got a fresh revelation of what it means to be a member of a church. Returning to the idea of seeking fresh fire, we talked about getting hungry, the incense of prayer, and fresh fire from heaven to acknowledge an acceptable sacrifice. Today, it's the Holy Spirit and Fire!

- 1) In New Testament, **fire accompanies the Holy Spirit baptism.**
 - a) Luke 3:15-17 / Matt 3:11 Holy Spirit **and** fire
 - b) Many ideas about the baptism with fire. The "and" implies a connected pair, ie, a double baptism: Theories include.
 - i) Fire refers to the baptism of persecution and affliction to which Jesus alluded in Matt 20:22-23
 - ii) Fire pictures vengeance. or judgment. Believers receive the Spirit, those unbelievers get fire. Isa 5:24; 61:2; 66:24.
 - iii) Fire means Messiah would bring a Message that would bring a refiner's fire of purification to believers: Malachi 3:2
 - iv) The secret may be in verse 17: The same Spirit that brings wind to cleanse the wheat, also brings fire to burn up the chaff. **He will clean up His Church.**
 - (1) To individuals: He will clean you up and burn the chaff
 - (2) To the Church: The Spirit separates the wheat from the chaff – this seems to catch the unquenchable fire meaning better **Question:** What does being "baptized with "The Holy Spirit and fire" mean to you? Lk 3:15-17
 - c) At Pentecost there was fire and wind. Acts 2:1-4
- 2) **Our heritage is rooted in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.**
 - a) Beginning in the 1800's: The Holiness Movement spawned Pentecostalism (1901) which gave rise to the Healing revival (1940-1960) that folded into The Charismatic Renewal.(1960-present) Out of that move came many new groups.
 - b) These groups = 600,000,000, about 26% of all Christians.

- c) FCF sprang from a Charismatic / Healing revival blend:: "The Word of Faith. (Kenneth Hagin) Doctrinal emphases include:
 - i) The Word is truth. John 17:17 / Psa 138:2 **Question:** How does the New Testament describe you? Is it true? Eph 4:24
 - ii) The prayer of Faith is the prayer of the Word. Mk 11:23-24. **Question:** How does understanding Mk 11:24 effect how you pray? Believe you receive when you pray!!!
 - iii) James 3. The tongue is a powerful tool for good or for evil.
 - iv) The authority of the believer: Eph 1:15-2:6. **Question:** What does "the Authority of the Believer" mean to you and how you live? Js 4:7 / Mk 16:15-18
 - v) The Kingdom works like seed. Mk 4:1-21,4:26-29 / Gal 6:6-9
 - vi) God is good. All the time. 136:1-26 / Matt 7:7-11./ John 14:9 **Question:** When you say "God is good," what does that mean to you? How have you tasted His goodness? Ps 34:8
 - vii) The Holy Spirit: He is real and He is in me AND ON ME.
- 3) **Fresh fire = a fresh blast of the power of the Spirit**
 - a) John 16:7. I am better off than if Jesus was with me in the flesh. **Question:** Is the Holy Spirit your intimate friend? If so, how does that impact your daily life?
 - b) 1 Cor 6:19. Holy living thru Awareness of the Spirit, not legalism
 - c) We have focused on the experience, not the purpose.
 - i) Speaking in tongues is great, but it has a purpose. Available to all, but not a sign of greater spirituality. 1 Cor 14:18-19
 - ii) The manifestations of the Spirit are given to bless people and glorify God, not enhance the reputation of a religious performer. **Question:** What gifts of the Spirit have you experienced? Describe 2 such experiences. 1 Cor 12:7-11
 - iii) We tend to focus on what God can do for you. The idea is to ask what you can do for Him.. Acts 9:3-6
 - d) Let's get back to fresh fire and put away strange fire
 - i) He is **on** you as well as in you: Acts 1:8. **purpose?**
 - ii) Our calling is impossible without supernatural ability: new birth, new nature; not reformed, but reborn.
 - iii) I have to decide to let Him do the work of the ministry through me. 1 Cor 2:1-5. / 2 Corinthians 3:5-6