# **CORE VALUES** Why What We Believe Defines Who We Are

# Without the Empowerment of the Holy Spirit, We Can Accomplish Nothing I Corinthians 2: 4-5

**Introduction:** Today we are moving into the home stretch of our study of the Core Values of the Christian & Missionary Alliance. The empowerment of the Holy Spirit and the willingness to take faith filled risks complete the set. From the beginning, the message of the filling and empowering of the Holy Spirit has been a key note of Alliance emphasis.

#### I. Video Introduction

- A. John Soper tells the story of an early missionary to China
- B. Ron Walborn share his testimony

# II. The Biblical Basis of the Crisis Experience

- A. Jesus told His disciples to wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Ac 2:1ff)
- B. Philip evangelizes Samaria (Ac 8:4-8), Peter & John pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the Samaritans (Ac 8:14-17)
- C. Peter explains what happened at Cornelius' house (Ac 11:15-18)
- D. Paul goes to Ephesus and asks an important question (Ac 19:1-7)

# III. The Requirements of Being Filled (Romans 6:12-19)

- A. A new birth and identification with Jesus Christ
- B. An awareness of need (see also Romans 7)
- C. A desire to be totally devoted to God and sold out to His purposes (vv.13-14)

# IV. Being Filled With the Holy Spirit is God's Will for Our Lives (Eph. 5:15-21)

- A. We are commanded to be filled every moment of our lives
- B. The similarities and distinction of *filling* vs. *baptism* of the Holy Spirit
  - 1. difficult to distinguish in the Scriptures
  - 2. baptism seems to emphasize the empowerment for service
  - 3. filling seems to emphasize the indwelling, consuming holiness of God for triumph over sin and victorious living
- C. We are intended to be a Spirit-filled people manifesting the presence and power of God to all around us

... and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. I Corinthians 2: 4-5

#### <u>Alliance Bible Church</u> <u>Core Values</u>

(NASB)

- Celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ through corporate worship in two languages.
- Boldly proclaiming the fullness of His Gospel: Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.
- Building up one another in love through small group community, prayer, and discipleship.
- Serving our community through meaningful acts of loving service.
- Obeying the call of the Great Commission through sacrificial support of missions of every kind.

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#### CORE VALUE VI-HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERMENT

- 1.) Both Peter in the Biblical account and Dr. Walborn on the video could point to a very definite time what they first experienced the filling of the Holy Spirit. Do you think that is significant? Why or why not?
- 2.) Tell about a person that you know (or have read about) who was truly filled with the Holy Spirit. What was it about that person's life that made such a strong impression upon you?
- 3.) If you were asked to help an individual who had decided to seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit, what would you tell them to do?
- 4.) What are the mail obstacles to the filling of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
- 5.) Read John 14: 15-30. What words does Jesus use to describe the person and work of the Holy Spirit?
- 6.) According to Jesus, how will the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the disciples be similar to His own? How will it differ? Compare verses 17, 20, and 23. How would you describe the relationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- 7.) Now read John 15: 1-II. (NOTE: This word picture is sandwiched between two passages teaching about the ministry of the Holy Spirit.) Most Bible students would say that this analogy is Jesus' picture of what a life lived in the fullness of the Holy Spirit "looks like." Assuming that this is the case, what does this passage teach about how to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- 8.) If we "abide in Christ" by the power of the Holy Spirit, what can we expect from that relationship?

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The Christian and Missionary Alliance will be a movement of Great Commission Christians who are glorifying God by building Christ's Church worldwide.	
The C&MA Mission	
Our mission is to know Jesus Christ; exalt Him as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King; and complete His Great Commission.	
<ul> <li>Evangelizing and discipling persons throughout the United States, and</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Incorporating them into Christ-centered, community-focused congregations,</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Mobilizing them for active involvement in a missionary effort designed to plant Great Commission churches among unreached and responsive peoples worldwide.</li> </ul>	
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