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TITLE: **The Holy Spirit: From Underrated to Essential**

It has been said that the point of Jesus' death on the Cross was that we may now have His own, indwelled Spirit living within us. That's big! Embracing this precious gift is at the center of what it means to be a Christian.

Here are three key things to believe and consider:

Head...heart...hands...

1. **The Holy Spirit is a person. The Spirit is God.** Jesus died that we might truly be one with him and the Father and really know God's heart and mind. This is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We can never rightly know God through knowledge (our brains are flesh by the way) alone. Jesus said that to no one can enter the kingdom of God (live under God's loving rule in their lives) until they are born of the Spirit.
2. **God has given you *himself* so he can always be with you!** And so you can walk closely with him and live in his ways. If you are a believer in Jesus, the Bible teaches that you have been given God's own, indwelling Spirit. He wants to daily, moment-by-moment speak with you, guide you and remind you of his love.
3. **Practice "listening prayer" with God.** Instead of prayer times being filled with you mostly telling God what you want him to do for you and others, try spending some time just listening for his voice, listening for him to speak to you. If you feel like you rarely hear from God it may be that you are not listening. Try starting off with 10 minutes each day of silent listening to God. You will be astounded by what he has been waiting to tell you!

"Just as it is through the Spirit that God is what He is; just as in the Father and the Son, the Spirit is the principle in which their personality has its root and consciousness, so this Spirit of the Divine life is now to be in us, in the deepest sense of the word, the principle of our life, the root of our personality too, the very life of our being and consciousness."

~Andrew Murray, ***The Spirit of Christ***

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~**Caesar**