

#5 "Spirit & Union" The Vineyard Church of Conroe Raymond McDonald July 3, 2016

Sermon Outline Notes

The Flame of Love IS THE MANIFEST PRESENCE OF GOD

BROUGHT BY THE SPIRIT

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19

The Goal of the Holy Spirit IS TO BRING US INTO A

PERSONAL UNION WITH GOD

I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.

John 17:26

I. Reconciled with God

Union with God through the Spirit STARTS WITH

RECONCILIATION THROUGH JUSTIFICATION

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ² Corinthians 5:17-19

II. Awakening to Love

Union with God through the Spirit IS OFFERED AND

DEMANDS A RESPONSE

¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:13-14

III. Event of the Spirit

Union with God through the Spirit HAPPENS THROUGH DYNAMIC EXPERIENCES AND DIVINE EVENTS

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

IV. From Image to Likeness

Union with God through the Spirit <u>CONFORMS US TO THE</u> <u>LIKENESS OF CHRIST</u>

²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Romans 8:29