We Believe... In the Holy Spirit

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Galatians 5:16-24

16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17 For the <u>sinful nature desires</u> what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. 19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

We believe that the Holy Spirit...

1. LIVES IN YOU

<u>John 14:17</u>

"The world cannot accept [the Spirit of truth], because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

1 Cor 3:16

Don't you know that <u>you yourselves are God's temple</u> and that God's Spirit lives in you?

We believe that if the Holy Spirit lives in you...

2. YOU CAN LIVE <u>VICTORIOUSLY</u> Gal 5:16

So I say, <u>live by the Spirit</u>, and <u>you will not gratify the desires</u> of the sinful nature.

2 Tim 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but <u>a spirit of power</u>, of love and of self-discipline.

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."

We believe that if you live victoriously, then your life will...

3. BRING GLORY TO GOD

John 16:14

"[The Holy Spirit] will bring glory to me..."

Gal 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control...

CONCLUSION:

John 3:5-6

5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

How can I have the Holy Spirit live in me?

<u>ASK</u>!

<u>Luke 11:13</u>

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"