

## April 7 & 8, 2018

“Holy Spirit”

Message by Steve Fowler  
Worship led by Jeff Brown

Music:

How Marvelous	Love Came Down	No Longer Slaves
I Love You Lord	Fullness	Spirit Of The Living God

Sermon:

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and remind you of everything I have told you. When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever He receives from me.” Excerpts from John 14-16

“I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”  
Joel 2:28-29

Satan intensely fears an empowered church.

“If I were Satan and my ultimate goal was to thwart God’s kingdom and purposes, one of my main strategies would be to get Christians to ignore the Holy Spirit.” Francis Chan

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” Acts 4:31

“When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.” Acts 8:14-17

“Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 9:17

“While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” Acts 19:1-2

“If you assign ten new believers the task of studying the Bible to find God’s heart for this generation, not one of them would conclude that spiritual gifts are not for today. You have to be taught that stuff! The doctrine stating signs and wonders are no longer needed because we have the Bible was created by people who hadn’t seen God’s power and needed an explanation to justify their own powerless churches.”

Friendship with a physical being (people) comes natural for us while friendship with a spiritual being (Holy Spirit) does not.

We prefer comfort over risk.

Tell the Holy Spirit you desire to deepen your friendship with him.

Find the most Spirit-filled person you know and ask them about their friendship with the Holy Spirit.

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to do something that feels uncomfortable, perhaps even risky?