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### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

Today, let me ask you a question. Who enables you to live a life pleasing to God? I find that it always helps me to understand spiritual truths by creating a picture in my mind. So I will help you, if you can, create a picture in your mind as to how God works in us. First, when you invite Jesus Christ into your life Jesus comes to live within you. So today Christ is living within you, God the Father also comes to live within you.

*John 14 v 23* tells us, but first Judas asked this question – *v 22 – Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, "Lord how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us and not unto the world?" v 23 – Jesus answered and said unto him, "If a man loves Me, he will keep My words, and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him and make Our abode with him".*

So having prayed the prayer of invitation for Jesus to come into our lives He comes, and also His Father also comes into our lives. If we keep the words of Jesus they will make their home in you. This is to every individual who asks.

How do we know this has happened? Well, firstly because the Word of God says this will happen, therefore we believe it has happened because we believe the Word. Remember we live by faith not by sight. So, "Thank you Jesus for coming into my life".

Now we move a little further on to the evening after the Resurrection of Jesus. Jesus meets with the disciples. Jesus greets them with the words "*Peace be unto you. As my Father hath sent Me even so sent I you*". *John 21 v 21*. And then in verse 22 – *And when He had said this He breathed on them and saith unto them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost – whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained"*. So know in our picture we have now received the Holy Spirit to forgive us our sins, to know that they are forgiven, and to know that Christ and the Father are dwelling within us. The Holy Spirit illuminates all these truths. We call this experience our 'spiritual new birth'. Our spirits have been made alive by God's Spirit, and because our spirit has been clothed by God's Spirit our spirit will no longer die.

However, we need to go one step further. We said earlier that for us to continue allowing Jesus and the Father to dwell in us we have to keep the Words of Jesus. This in our own strength is impossible to do, so what are we to do? Remember the disciples, although Jesus had breathed on them the Holy Spirit after the Resurrection, they were unable to uphold 'walking with Him'. They knew Christ but were not strong enough, so fifty days later Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit of POWER upon them and it was then they never looked back. They were now able to keep a close relationship with Jesus, to develop this relationship and to go from strength to strength.

So with us when we are empowered by the Holy Spirit of Pentecost we also can keep and develop a close relationship with Jesus and our Father and Holy Spirit enabling us to go from strength to strength, knowing how they all abide within. So as we 'spiritually understand' how we have moved from this world of sin and separation from God into a new healthy relationship with Him and how we can live a life pleasing to God He becomes our life, our strength, and His will and His way becomes ours. Oh what joy to know that in them is eternal life.

So, as Jesus Christ ascended back into Heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, 10 days later the disciples were filled with the Power of God to live a life pleasing to God, so we all need this power. Ask and you will RECEIVE in Jesus Name.

Enjoy the knowledge of the Trinity abiding in you. In Jesus Name . . . AMEN.

*Acts 1 v 8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth".*