

Making it Mine

A Bible study for kids ready to grow a faith of their own.

Month 2 Week 3

Mystery of the Spirit

While the Bible is clear on the important role of the Holy Spirit, Christians today disagree about how exactly He works in the believer's life. Does He still do miracles and healing and speaking in tongues through people like He did in the book of Acts? Does He still give specific commands and how do we understand Him? Do buildings still shake in His presence? How is He at work in you and me? Instead of letting the mysteries and misunderstandings about the Spirit make us avoid Him, we must allow the Spirit to guide us into all truth as Jesus promised us He would do (John 16:13). We must search Scripture, pray, listen and learn to recognize the Spirit's voice. We must not be so quick to throw out differing opinions that we throw out the Spirit as well. When we disagree with others, or aren't sure, let's remember the wise words of the Pharisee Gamaliel:

"if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." (Acts 5:38,39)

What remains, then, is for us to learn all we can about the Spirit, and about how He is at work in our lives. We must find out for ourselves what we believe the Spirit does and who He is. With a knowledge based on the resources that God gives us, we can be sure in our dependence on the Spirit of God and the freedom that He gives us to reflect God's glory as we are changed, by the Spirit, to be more like God. Notice as you read how this happens in the lives of those early followers of Christ.

How is what the Spi	rit offers us the same?	
How is it different?		

READ:

Acts 13-20

Write out Acts 2:38:

MYSTERIES? THE ACTIVITY OF GOD'S SPIRIT Acts 13-20 Which activities of the What specific instructions did the Holy Spirit give about Spirit did only the apostles Saul and Barnabas in Acts 13:2-4? _____ seem to have? What did they do? What did Spirit filled Paul say to Elymas? Why? How did the believers What happened to Elymas that caused those watching to know who had been filled believe? _____ with the Spirit and who hadn't? _____ What is one enemy of the work of the Spirit (13:45)? What is jealousy? Does the Holy Spirit give us specific instructions Who enables people to do miraculous things (14:3)? today? How? _____ What mistake might people make about those who posses God's Spirit (14:8-11)? How can we learn to listen What would you do? _____ to the Spirit? Were Paul and Barnabas people like us? _____ What did these same people do to Paul? How do we tell the voice of God's Spirit from that of What are some other dangers when the Spirit is Satan's? misunderstood? _____ In what way did God give the Gentile believers His seal of approval (15:8)? Who does 15:28 say that the decisions of the Jerusalem Council seemed good to? How do you make good decisions? THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT What gifts are listed in these passages? Romans 12:6-8 _______ 1 Corinthian 12:4-11 ______ Read 2 Timothy 1:6 Ephesians 4:11-13 _____ Are you fanning What are the gifts for? _____ into flame the gift

Which ones do you have?

of God?



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HEART GRAFFITO

SINGING IN THE JAIL

(to the tune of Singing in the Rain)

I'm singing in the jail Just singing in the jail What a glorious feelin' To be happy in a cell.

God's Spirit's in my heart, Come down from above Salvation is mine, And I'm ready to love.

Let my heart full of joy Bless every girl and boy So, put me in that place, I've a smile on my face.

I'll sing in my cell While I'm in this jail Just singin' Singing in the jail

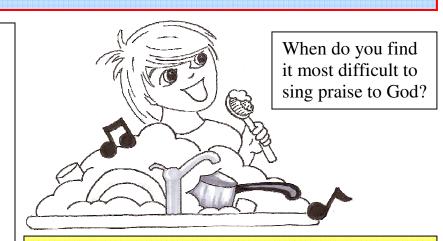
Dancin' in the jail Singing in the jail When the trials come, I've joy that won't fail

I'm singing and dancin' in the jail! I'm dancing and singing in the jail!

Why am I smiling And why do I sing? Why do hard trials seem Such a happy thing? Why do I get up each morning with a grin?

Happy and head up
With joy in my heart?
How can each task
seem such a fun sort of job?
Because I am living a life full of
God!

I'm singing in the jail Just singing in the jail!



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