



The Ghost

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Week 2: The Essence of Truth

Romans 8:14 (NCV) *The true children of God are those who let God's Spirit lead them.*

God Desires Me to Live a Spirit-Led Life!

John 16:13-15 (NIV) *"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.*

How Does the Holy Spirit Guide Me. . .

- Through the _____ .

John 14:26 *But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

- In _____ (Romans 8:26; Ephesians 6:18)
- With _____ Followers. (Acts 15:28)
- Through _____
- Within my _____ (1 John 4:1)

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV) *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

Read Ephesians 4:3-6

Oneness: the quality of being one; unity of thought, feeling, belief, aim; agreement; concord; a strong feeling of closeness or affinity.

Throughout the history of the church, unity has always been an issue. Paul's encouragement to the church in Ephesus was that they do everything they could to protect the unity of Christ's church through the "bond" or cement of peace.

Usually, the best glues are those that are made of two compounds that must be mixed just before usage. This type of glue creates a bond that is very difficult to break. In the same way, the bond of peace that holds us together also contains two very important compounds: forgiveness and love.

Only through the love and forgiveness of Jesus are we able to be at one with God and His church. Christ's model demonstrates not only how the church is to operate, but how we are to maintain our relationships.

Love without forgiveness is denying our true feelings; Forgiveness without love leaves us bitter. But together, they become a bond that will hold us together and become an example to our community of God's incredible love.

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Prayer Emphasis:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will remind us of Christ's model for love so that we will continue to love one another in the same way.
- Pray for Pastor Mark as he seeks God's wisdom and guidance for our church family. Pray that as he takes this next week to retreat, that God will refresh and renew his heart to lead.
- Pray that God will send PCC the right person for our future Family Ministries Pastoral position.
- Pray that Jesus will begin to prepare you for this season in your spiritual journey and the next great work he has prepared for you.
- Pray for a spirit of generosity at PCC, so that as God prepares us for this next season, He will bless us with the resources to make this journey.

A Prayer of Unity:

Jesus, my prayer is that your church be unified through the bond of peace.

- Let our unity show the world your love
- Let our unity attract others to this family.
- Let our unity bring glory to you.