

## HOMEWORK

### REPENTANCE & FAITH

**Day 1:** God has a new life for you, because He loves you. It is a gift. You cannot earn it or deserve it. God's word says:

*"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior was revealed, He saved us. It was not because of any good deeds that we ourselves had done, but because of His own mercy that he saved us, through the Holy Spirit, who gives us new birth and new life by washing us. God poured out the Holy Spirit abundantly on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that by His grace we might be put right with God and come into possession of the eternal life we hope for." (Titus. 3:4-7)*

**Day 2:** The new life in the Spirit is a gift, but you have to turn to Jesus to receive it. All those who come to Him receive new life abundantly. Jesus says:

*"Whoever is thirsty should come to Me, and whoever believes in Me should drink. As the scripture says, 'Streams of life-giving water will pour out from his side.' Jesus said this about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were going to receive." (Jn. 7:37b-39a)*

**Day 3:** To turn to Jesus, you turn away from everything incompatible with the life He is offering (repentance) and accept the promises He is making (belief and faith). When you turn to Jesus in repentance and faith, He can give new life to you. Jesus says:

*"The right time has come, He said, and the kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!" (Mk. 1:15)*

**Day 4:** This new life is for everyone who will turn to the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit is for you. Satan will try to deceive you into thinking that you are someone who cannot be renewed in the Spirit, but the Word of God says:

*"Peter said to them, 'Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit. For God's promise was made to you and your children, and to all who are far away – all whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.'" (Act 2:38-39)*

**Day 5:** You cannot earn or deserve the gift of the Holy Spirit, but you do have to put away everything in our life which is incompatible with the Christian life. The new life means that you will be holy as God is holy. God's word says:

*"Surely you know that the wicked will not possess God's Kingdom. Do not fool yourselves; people who are immoral or who worship idols or are adulterers or homosexual perverts or who steal or are greedy or are drunkards or who slander others or are thieves – none of these will possess God's Kingdom" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)*

**Day 6:** Faith means relying on what God has promised. You know that God can do anything. You know that He does not lie. Rely on God's promises and claim them from Him as Abraham did, and you will see Him work in a new way in your life. God's word says:

*"His faith did not leave him, and he did not doubt God's promise; his faith filled him with power, and he gave praise to God. He was absolutely sure that God would be able to do what He had promised." (Romans 4:20-21)*

**Day 7:** When you turn to the Lord in repentance and faith, all you have to do is ask the Lord for the fullness of life in the Holy Spirit. We know that we can have the Holy Spirit because God loves us and wants to be as fully united to us as possible. Jesus promises that the Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.

*"And so I say to you: Ask, and you will receive;... Would any of you who are fathers give your son a snake when he asks for fish? Or would you give him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him." (Luke 9a:11-13)*

## **STUDY:**

**John Chapter 14 & Acts Chapter 10**