



## THE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL PASSION

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**JOHN 14:17 NKJV – (17)** The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Passion' has to do with our heart – the internal fire that motivates us and energizes us to fulfil our purpose and do God's will. God is the source of spiritual passion. The Holy Spirit comes to ignite us with holy fire. In the world we live in, natural passion is often a key to success and impact.

The Holy Spirit permanently resides in those who express faith in Christ (**1 Corinthians 12:13**). That indwelling will not begin until after Jesus is resurrected, which is why He says this Spirit "will be in you," rather than that it "is in you," at the moment He speaks to the disciples. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit will begin to live with all who believe in Christ (**Acts 2:1–4; 10:47**).

Those who do not believe do not have the Spirit (**1 Corinthians 2:14**). Scripture often uses the expression "the world" in reference to the fallen nature of man which rejects God. Those who believe in Christ know Him (**John 6:69; 8:31–32; 10:14**), and they know the way to salvation (**John 14:4**). Those who reject Christ don't see Christ, so they don't see God (**John 14:8**), do not know God (**John 8:19**), and are lost (**John 8:24**).

SCRIPTURE READING: **ACTS 2:1-4**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Belief must be demonstrated by application!