In order to enjoy this experience in your life, you should first accept with faith that you want to live it and that God is capable of giving it to you. You should be certain that God can do it and begin to live with conviction that God promised to help you and He will not fail you. You still have



a guestion, right? And that guestion is: "When will I have this experience?" Well, there's no specific time. God is free and powerful; He has no limits. Just keep sincerely searching and He will do this work in you in His time.

2 Hands at Work

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If you have come this far and you like the idea of the experience of Entire Sanctification, don't waste any more time. Decide now if this is what you want. Remember, it depends on you. God wants you to experience it, and helps you each day to grow in your Christian walk until you reach the fullness of the Spirit.

Memorize

"Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Sprit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires." Romans 8:5

Weekly Challenge

Read the book of Acts, chapters 22 to 28, and write down what you learn in your journal. Read a chapter each day and don't forget to mark the corresponding box each time you read.





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Lesson No.

How, When and Where Can

Connect with the Word

Mark was a young man who liked to lie. People who knew him never knew whether to believe him or not. After talking to him, they doubted that what he had said was true. Again and again they told him not to lie, and that there would be consequences for his lying, but he never paid

any attention. One day he had an encounter with Christ, and everyone hoped that he would change, but it wasn't so.

When they asked him why he lied, he said that it was really hard and that he fought daily as he tried to guit lying. One day, in a special service, the sermon was on holiness. Mark thought, "I will never be able to be holy because I lie so much." Near the end of the sermon, the preacher said, "God does not want to make those holy who already are; He desires to make holy those who are fighting to obey Him to be better every day. God will make holy those who consecrate their lives to Christ."

This made Mark happy, and he was the first to go to the altar. God sanctified Mark and when this happened he no longer lied.

For a Biblical example of this experience, we can go back to the disciples. They knew the Lord personally. They walked with Him. They saw his miracles. They enjoyed his company and they knew he was the Son of God. But still, when they saw their lives were in danger, they de-

serted him, and one of them, Peter, openly denied him three times.

But what happened that allowed fear and doubt to take hold of them? The truth is, they were missing something in their lives, and without Jesus, they felt alone and abandoned, as if everything had been a dream, and that dream was over. But we know that it didn't end that way, and soon after, Jesus came through on his promise. Read Acts 2:2-4a. When did the disciples know that Jesus had fulfilled his promise?

After this moment, the followers of Jesus were radically changed. What evidence of this change did Peter give? (Read Acts 2:14 and answer)

Now, ask yourself: How can you, 2000 years later, enjoy this experience? Praise the Lord, this marvelous experience can be yours, provided that you seek after it!

There are five steps that will help you as you seek this blessing. They are:

Step 1: Desire it - to feel an indispensable need for the Holy Spirit to take away everything that is not allowing you to live a life of victory, full of faith. Unless you find yourself unsatisfied with your wavering spiritual life, and you fervently desire that the Holy Spirit govern you and make you resemble Christ, He won't do it. This desire should be such that it leads you to ceaselessly search for this experience, until God does the work in you. This is how Paul felt in Romans 7:21-24 until he discovered that someone could take him from that situation. Read this passage and write down the expressions that demonstrate this desire in Paul.



Step 2: Consecration - a complete turning over. Christ should be in the center of your heart. All that you have should be consecrated to God. Read and reflect on the passage that is found in Luke 14:25-33, especially verses 26, 27 and 33 and Romans12:1-2. What impact have these verses had on your life? Make a list of all that you should consecrate to the Lord. Be

careful to write everything. Even if you don't think you are holding anything back from Christ, if you are not holy, there is always something you should give.

Step 3: Faith - trusting completely. We should know that God is ready to give this blessing, without exception, to whoever asks with faith in Him and His promise. Read Luke11:13 and respond: Who can receive the Holy Spirit?

Step 4: Examine your heart - search it deeply. Make sure that you are walking in the light that God has given you - the light of the Scriptures and the Christian experience. In order to enjoy this experience, you should examine your life. If there is some sin that you have not confessed, tell God about it. You should also consider other aspects of your life that you need to make right, things like: someone that you need to forgive, a bad relationship with someone, or something that God asked of you that you didn't obey. It is then that God, in His great mercy, will cleanse you. Read and comment over 1 John 1:9-10.

Step 5: Petition - a steadfast disposition. You should ask specifically to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist already proclaimed many years ago that someone would come after him to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Read Luke 3:16.

Step 6: Rejoice and give thanks to God - an incomparable joy. You should rejoice because of the precious work the Holy Spirit has done in your life. This will give you power for service to others and a spiritual vitality for your endless growth and maturity in the ways of Christ. This work will be joined by a testimony that is described in Romans 8:16: "The ______

himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."