

START WITH COMING TO JESUS

I PETER 2:4

BACKGROUND: In the previous lesson, you saw that the Holy Spirit brings joy when intimacy in quiet times and meeting with others in small groups and churches is maintained. Here we see that this intimacy and joy starts with “coming to Jesus”.

DRAW NEAR TO HIM to seek His presence. When you seek to know Him by reading and meditating upon His Word, praising Him with thankfulness, and presenting your needs to Him, the Holy Spirit will fill you with an intimate and ongoing experience of His presence in your life and a desire to know Him more. **(I Peter 2:4, Matthew 11:28-30, fn 11:28-30, fn 11:30, John 6:35, fn 6:35, John 7:37, fn 7:37, Hebrews 4:14-16, fn 4:16, Hebrews 10:19-25, fn 10:22-25)** *How are you spending or could you begin spending one-on-one time each day with Jesus?*

KEEP COMING TO HIM. The joy of intimacy with Jesus is kept as you *daily* set your mind to learn the depths of His love for you and His eternal plan for your personal relationship with Him. **(I Peter 2:4, Hebrews 7:22-25, fn 7:22-24, Ephesians 3:12-20, fn 3:12, Mark 1:35-37, fn 1:35-37, Isaiah 55:1-6, fn 55:6)** *Why is it important for you (of all people!) to meet daily with Jesus?*

BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS. Beginning with your daily intimacy with Jesus, the Holy Spirit will mold your heart to be obedient to God’s Word, confessing your sin and becoming more and more like Jesus. **(I Peter 2:4, Luke 5:15-16, fn 5:16, Philippians 3:7-14, fn 3:12-14, II Corinthians 3:17-18, fn 3:18, Romans 8:28-29, fn 8:29)** *Why does Jesus want you to be more like Him? How could daily intimacy with Him make that possible?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?

