



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

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Offering:-----General



MOTHERS
HOLD THEIR
CHILD'S HAND
FOR A MOMENT
♥♥♥♥ AND THEIR
HEART for a
LIFETIME

☐ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ☐ ○ ☐

Two Fighting Cats And A Monkey

One day two cats found a loaf of bread. Both the cats wanted the bread so they started fighting. They clawed at each other and fought for a long time. Along came a monkey. "Why are you fighting?" he questioned. The cats snarled, "We are fighting because both of us would like to eat the bread." The monkey asked, "Why don't you share it?" The cats said, "We don't want the other to get more, so we are not able to share it." "All right," said the monkey, "I'll assist you to cut it in half." The monkey tore the loaf into two. One part appears much bigger, let me get them to the same size," he said, and ate a little of one of the pieces of bread. Then the other part looked bigger, and so he ate a bit of it. The cats were so occupied fighting each other, they were not aware of the monkey eating the bread. In the meanwhile, the monkey ate the entire loaf. The cats could not get any bread, simply because they were busy fighting. When the cats found the monkey running away, they realized that they should have worked together and shared.

Moral of the story:

"When two people fight the third one always gets the profit."

<https://kidsshortmoralstories.com/two-fighting-cats-monkey-story/>

Announcements:

✓ This Evening: Free Evening

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! May 14, Anna Mae Byler 1966

*The next several Bulletins will be focusing on one of the chief dangers of the 20th century mentioned in last weeks bulletin.

Religion Without the Holy Spirit –

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...Acts 1:8

I have to admit that this one may be the hardest for me to discuss. Why? Because for most of my life I have participated in religion without the Holy Spirit. I still struggle with this – and I am not alone.

Sadly, many so-called Christians and church groups are nearly void of God's Holy Spirit. How can that be? We have squelched the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19). We refuse to allow the Holy Spirit to fill us and control us because we refuse to give up any control. It is impossible for God to be the driver of our life if we won't let him have the steering wheel. We know that God can take us farther and higher than we could ever hope to get without him, and yet we still refuse to turn our entire being over to him.

Many times when I have attempted to turn everything over to God, I became frightened because I felt like I was out of control. That causes me to fight to regain control. I forget that God can't be in control until I am completely out of control.

Over the past 2000 years, our religion has become much more political, social, corporate and institutional in nature – and much less spiritual. We are so busy "playing church" that we have squeezed the Holy Spirit out of church.

Most Christian societies have been involved with institutional and/or denominational religion for so long they don't know any different. They don't know how to turn control over to the Holy Spirit. They do everything by the book – but they are often using the wrong book. They adhere to many man-made doctrines and traditions that cannot be supported by the Holy Scriptures.

The church (groups of Christians) that I have met with and had fellowship with over the years claim to be non-denominational, Bible-based, New Testament churches. Unfortunately, most of what they do and the way they do it doesn't even come close to emulating the church we read about in the New Testament. Those groups may be better than some, but they are just as "institutional" as all the other non-organic churches.

In his book **Reimagining Church**, Frank Viola said, "In the typical institutional church, the religious machinery of the church program is the force that fuels and propels the church service. Consequently, if the Spirit of God were ever to leave a typical institutional church, His absence would go unnoticed. The 'business-as-usual' program would forge ahead. The worship would be unaffected. The sermon would be preached, and the doxology would be sung. The congregation would go right along with the religious program – not knowing that the Lord had departed."

Who is in control of your life and your church? Is the Holy Spirit in control – or are

you in control? Are you afraid of what might happen in your life and/or in your church if the Holy Spirit was in complete control? Most of us are afraid of anything that is unfamiliar.

If we were filled with God's Holy Spirit, we wouldn't spend much time worrying about church buildings, church finances and church programs. We wouldn't have to because the Holy Spirit would be in control. If we were filled with the Holy Spirit, we would KNOW God – instead of just knowing about God.

The Holy Spirit is real and God wants us to be constantly filled with it, but there won't be any room for the Holy Spirit until we make room. We need to get back to the fundamental teachings and practices of the New Testament church. We need to put God's Holy Spirit in charge of our individual lives, as well as our church.

Peter replied, "**Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**" Acts 2:38

You, however are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

I encourage you...to read through the book of Acts and see all the extraordinary things that took place when just a few ordinary men and women became filled with God's Holy Spirit. God wants to do the same things today. He is just waiting on us.

Don't just *GO* to church; *BE* the Church

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Mission & Vision Statement Of: Calvary Christian Fellowship

Mission: To realize our need of Christ.

To help one another on life's journey.

Vision: To surrender to Christ our Head, to walk in the Spirit, to love as Jesus loves.

To be a place where it's safe to share failures, struggles, hopes, and dreams.

To encourage, and empower one another to find God's purpose as we walk with Christ on our journey to Heaven.

To help the hurting find healing, and the lost experience salvation, in Christ.

To assist in physical needs among, and around us.