Volume 1, Day 13: Feel God's Love in His Holy Spirit

This is not just something you believe 'factually' in your head. Salvation occurs when it becomes real in your heart and soul. Repentance happens in your heart and soul. When salvation occurs, you actually **feel** clean. And you are clean. You're not perfect. You know you didn't earn it. Finding your way to an effective repentance, through an effective surrender, that alone enables you to **feel** forgiven. It enables you to know that, "Yes, I get to start fresh and clean with God today. And you get to live fresh and clean every day, even your worst one. Instead of groveling in guilt and shame when you sin, jump for joy and shout, "Thank you, Jesus, that you paid for that sin also!"

Find your way into that. Spend time alone with God until you feel forgiven. And then, "... we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." It is essential that God comes alive in us. The Holy Spirit makes Himself known in our life and speaks to us and makes scriptures clear. The Holy Spirit inspired every writer of scripture and therefore is the most capable one to properly interpret God's Word to me. I don't need a pastor or priest. I am a "priest" according to the Book of Hebrews. So I can live fully understanding the Word of God. It is the Holy Spirit's role (John 16:13) to guide every believers into all truth. So let Him be your guide instead of hearsay from any others.

That's the work of the Holy Spirit, and that's the gift that God gives every one of us who want to follow Him. All you have to do is let the Holy Spirit take up residence in you. It is your commitment in relationship as in a marriage to Him. Only you can make it. As the Holy Spirit comes alive in you, you become part of something so amazing and satisfying that it staggers the imagination.

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