

Get the Holy Ghost

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Encounter

Salvation Encounter

Liberation Encounter

Empowering Encounter

Commissioning Encounter

[Gen 1:2](#) NIV Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

[Gen 1:3](#) NIV And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

When the Holy Ghost comes, He puts things into God's order.

We need the Holy Ghost.

After the Fall, Abraham was the first person identified as a prophet ([Gen 20:7](#); [Ps 105:15](#)). The Lord gave him direction ([Gen 12-18](#)), and as part of his prophetic ministry he interacted with angels regarding the fate of Sodom ([Gen 19:1-22](#)), received a miracle of fertility for he and his wife ([Gen 21:1](#)), and received divine protection for his wife despite his treachery ([Gen 20:3-7](#)).

God's desire was to have a place of encounter with his human creation.

[Exo 25:8](#) NIV Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

[Exo 40:34](#) NIV Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Solomons Temple

When the ark was brought into Solomon's temple, "It happened that when the priests came from the holy place, the cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD" ([1 Ki 8:10b-11](#)).

We need to gather in the House of God to encounter God.

[Num 1:1](#) NIV The LORD spoke to Moses in the Tent of Meeting in the Desert of Sinai on the first day of the second month of the second year after the Israelites came out of Egypt. He said:

[Num 12:8](#) NIV With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

It's easy to see Jesus as God but hard to see him as man but there is something important God is communicating through advent.

God inserted Himself into history and humanity. Weak, powerless, and dependent on the spirit. Just like creation at the beginning of time.

[Mat 3:16-17](#) NIV As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. (17) And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

[Mar 16:15-18](#) NIV He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. (16) Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (17) And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; (18) they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

We are to receive the Spirit, surrender to being the house of God

[Act 3:19-20](#) NIV Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, (20) and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you--even Jesus.

God is drawing into an intimate relationship with Holy Spirit.

When we share him we become a bridge. Both the person ministering and the person receiving experience Holy Spirit.

We need the fellowship and anointing of the Holy Ghost

Questions to consider:

How do you encounter God in services at Revival Life Church?

Have you received all four encounters with Holy Spirit?

Which Encounter with Holy Spirit do you need to focus on in this next season?

Can you share a time you ministered to someone and you received as much as you gave?