

Title: Resurrection Allows New Intimacy

Scriptures: Luke 24:13-35; Psalm 84

Highlighted scripture: Luke 24:32 “They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’”

In His death and resurrection, Jesus made available to us the new life. This new life, having the Holy Spirit dwell within us, is such an amazing thing, yet we sometimes take it for granted. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus got an opportunity to have an intimate discussion with Jesus on the day He rose from the dead. Jesus explained to them the whole picture of salvation, starting at the prophets, and right up through to the present. They were given a marvelous gift of intimate conversation with Jesus, and at the end of the day, they begged him to stay with them.

The psalmist in Psalm 84 talks about the beauty and wonder of being close to God in His temple. He speaks of the lucky birds who can fly right into the holiest place, and therefore be that much closer to God’s presence.

We too have that opportunity for intimacy with God through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Like the travelers on the Emmaus road, we sometimes do not recognize the One who is with us. The intimacy that we can have with God is always available if we can recognize the presence. Relationships take time to nurture, and our relationship with God is no different. We need to be intentional in talking to God and waiting for His response.

Prayer: Lord, we thank you for the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Help us to remember that you have chosen to make us your own, and to walk with us every day. May we too beg you to stay, and not take your presence for granted.