

Faith in Jesus

When we say “I have faith in Jesus,” it ought to mean we surrender all to Him. Having faith in Jesus ought to mean asking / following His leading in all areas, down to the seemingly small decisions as what to wear or say, or act.

What constitutes spiritual senses? What comes to mind when the phrase “Spiritual senses” are used?

[Congregation answers]

- Perception: seeing, feeling and hearing God
- Tasting God
- The Ephod
- Direction
- The Holy Spirit.
- The five senses

[Question to the congregation] How many believe we have 15 senses? [Congregation laughs] Every human is made up of a soul, spirit, and body. Just as the body has five senses, the soul and spirit their five senses. As a result, every human has 15 senses. As believers, we know that we cannot live our lives outside the Holy Spirit.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:13 KJVS

Spiritual guidance is important. As believers, if we remove spiritual guidance, we resolve to self-management, where we act according to natural inclination. Self-management makes a believer vulnerable to the enemy (1 Pet 5:18). Oftentimes, we find ourselves in a quagmire because we run our lives how we see fit (Judges 21:25). There is a subtle and inconspicuous danger in doing what is right in our sight. And conversely, there is a blessing when we follow the guidance of the LORD (Psalm 34:10)

The Holy Spirit - Our Guide

The Holy Spirit knows the operation and standard of God because He is the Spirit of God. If we allow the Holy Spirit to raise us, like a parent would to a child, it will be easy to measure up to the standard

of God. Oftentimes, we treat God as a spare tire which we do not use until a damage occurs. When self-managing, we often resolve to certain precepts to guide our lives, such as: astrology, self-help books, native doctors, science, news, money, culture, celebrities, and carnal knowledge.

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. [13] For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. [14] But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:12-14 KJVS

For us to discern good and evil / the dealings of the Holy Spirit, we need to engage / employ / use / exercise / apply our spiritual senses (Heb 5:24). For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God Romans 8:14 KJVS; Isaiah 63:10-14.

Galatians 5:25 shows that if we live in the spirit, we ought to walk in the spirit. Walking in the flesh is yielding to the senses of the flesh over that of the spirit. As believers in Christ Jesus, it is God's responsibility to lead us and he has, is, and will ever be faithful as in the time of old. Our responsibility is to follow. God led his people, as a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud, from Egypt right until they stepped foot in the land he promised (Exo 13:21). He is willing and ever faithful to lead and will never leave nor forsake us (Please study these scriptures: Gen 28:13-15; Deut 31:6-8; 4:31; 1 Kings 8:57; Psalm 94:14; Isaiah 41:10-13; Heb 13:5-6). There is no one who God led that landed in error. Jesus exemplified it as he only did what he saw His Father do (John 5:19-20).

[Question to the congregation] What areas do we need leading of God?

[Congregation answers]

- Career
- Associations/ friendships,
- Spiritual matters.
- Marriage
- Financials
- Time Management
- Diet, food

- Fashion
- Conversations (using the tongue), etc.

Every man outside Christ is dead in sin. When you accept Jesus as LORD, you become born again, your spirit man becomes born and alive. Once our spirit becomes alive, the Spirit of God communicates with our spirit and gives us direction. We will continue in this meditation next fellowship. However, we must understand that the Spirit of God is essential to continued life.