

Praise Group Message 21st to 27th January 2013

Through the awareness to the Holy Spirit let us receive His touch every moment.

Recap

*Last week we reflected why we repeatedly ask the Holy Spirit to come into us even though we know that He dwells in us constantly.

*We also discussed that the first community which began with the experience of Pentecost received the Holy Spirit and also those who were baptized at that time. This means that the Holy Spirit who is dwelling within us is giving us the grace and the power to carry out the various work entrusted to us in the Kingdom of God.

*We also saw how the Church too has experienced a renewal by receiving a new Pentecost from time to time

01. Let us share experiences of how we lived the word received last week

02. Hymn No. 10 in the Pubudu Geetanjali (Sinhala)

03. Message: Ephesians 5:18-20 (Read the word in small groups)

*discuss what a blessing it is to live a life constantly awakening to the Holy Spirit

*share the experiences already received (personally, within the family, within the Praise Community, and the world at large)

*also discuss the "Seven ways of Awakening to the Holy Spirit"

i. To be emphasized by the servant of the Word:

*Luke 11:13 "Bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

*Jesus Christ will fill us with the Holy Spirit. When we begin to meet the Lord and build a close relationship with Him, He will give us His first Gift, the Holy Spirit.

*For this, it is important that we call to our mind our sins and repent and turn (Metanoia) to God.

*Let us at this very moment repent and be opened to the Holy Spirit.

05. The Servant of the word - Guide the participants to enter into a deep repentance and pray for a fresh outpouring Holy Spirit.

06. Sing the Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me/us....."