

## Covenant Life

- Our next gathering will be **TODAY** at 3pm with a special time of **Eucharistic Adoration** to pray in 2025. Children and Youth ministries will remain with us for Adoration.
- The next normal format prayer meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of January (26<sup>th</sup>) at 3pm when we will also welcome new Underway Commitments and celebrate with a social after the meeting.
- [GodsDelight.org](http://GodsDelight.org) has prayer meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), and [teachings](#).
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please enter your 2025 Promise [here](#), donate online [here](#), or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, TX 75222.

## Reflection

In praying through the readings today about the Baptism of Jesus, I was drawn to the [First Reading](#) where scholars believe Isaiah is prophesying about Jesus: *"I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness."*

I think what stood out for me was how this passage not only predicts God's sending of His Son Jesus to redeem us but how we have learned, through living covenant community, to follow His example.

We have many teachings on conversion to the mind of Christ, following in His footsteps, and following His example. More specifically, we teach each other to follow His example in:

- really knowing the scriptures and interpreting them to others,
- praying in union with the Father to know and follow His Will,
- modeling how to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, and
- selfless laying down our lives for others.

We teach and continually try to live His mission of loving one another, building small communities of believers, healing the sick, ministering to the lost, and sharing the Good News.

As I think back on growing up in God's Delight, this may be the greatest lesson that I have learned...that God the Father, Jesus His Son, and the Holy Spirit are

not just forces out there, but they are alive and active in our world today. We not only hear the words, but we see others doing their very best to put them into practice! Seeing other like-minded Christians following Jesus' example is a powerful motivator.

What makes this all possible of course is that He has sent His Holy Spirit to us to empower our response. This is what makes the Charismatic Renewal a game changer in our day and time. With the Baptism of the Holy Spirit fanned into flame in our lives, we realize the power available to follow Him. It is through the power of His Holy Spirit within us that we can literally follow His example and really know the scriptures and interpret them to others, pray in union with our Father to know and follow His Will, model how to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, selflessly lay down our lives for others. We can and do teach and continually try to follow His mission of loving one another, building small communities of believers, healing the sick, minister to the lost, sharing the Good News!

Jesus Himself promises us (John 14:12) *"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."* It is through our belief in Jesus and through the power of His Holy Spirit that we can follow His example and do the same or greater in our day. Let us follow what we have been taught and never tire of being His disciples on mission to follow His example!

Let us pray, "Jesus, I am so very grateful for the love You offered me in coming to earth to win for me eternal life and show me how to live. I profess my belief in You and know that, through the power of Your Holy Spirit, I can follow Your example and spread the Good News of the eternal life that You have won for us. Send me a double portion of Your Holy Spirit today to enable me to always say Yes, to never tire of following what I have learned and always put You first in my life. I love You Jesus! Amen."

God Bless,  
David