



Grace Place Ministries, Inc.

Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God



FIRE



I have noticed on the news about how many wild **fires** are actively burning all over the country and the extensive destruction to homes, businesses and thousands of acres caused by these out of control **fires**! To say these **fires** are devastating is an understatement! But the **fire** that I want to focus on, in a very limited way, is about the **fire** of God! What does this **fire** look like and what is its purpose? So many scriptures but here are just a few:

Exodus 3:1-5 Moses saw flames of **fire** from a flaming bush and God called to him by name and gave him instructions.

Exodus 13:21 God led the Israelites by night with the pillar of **fire** to give them light and protection.

Acts 2:1-4 On the Day of Pentecost while they were waiting in the Upper Room, there came a sound of a rushing mighty wind and there appeared to them tongues as of **fire** and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. This **fire** gave them boldness!

Matthew 3:11 John the Baptist spoke about himself and baptizing with water but told about Jesus Who was coming to baptize with Holy Spirit and **fire**! This baptism of **fire** is for power!

Hebrews 12:29, "For our God is a consuming **fire**".

How can this **fire** be beneficial and productive in our lives?? When I was growing up I loved to follow behind my daddy in his picture perfect garden. Both of my wonderful parents worked really hard to put those fresh vegetables on the table. By the way.....I did not like shelling all those purple hull peas and butter beans!! He always rotated his crops and he also would burn off the garden spot with **fire** to kill the weeds, diseases, pests and to add nutrients back to the soil through the ashes. This **fire** literally cleansed the soil and added back to it essential ingredients.

Isaiah 48:10. "Behold I have refined you but not as silver; I have tried and chosen you in the furnace of affliction." Furnaces have really hot **fire**! I don't know about you but in the past several years I have been in some **fiery** furnaces and trials and God was with me!!

Daniel 3:19-30 Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego were thrown into the **fiery** furnace when they refused to bow down to a false god and the Bible says that the **fire** had no power on them, the hair on their heads was not singed, nor smell of smoke was on them and the only thing that burned was the ropes that had them bound! That fourth man seen in the furnace with them was Jesus! The **fire** of God will sustain, protect, lead, purify, refine, empower, embolden and enrich the soil of our hearts if we will submit to it! We must ask our faithful God for this **fire**!

In Luke 24:13-32 After Jesus rose from the dead He appeared to several. Two men were on the road to Emmaus when Jesus (I think in a sneaky way) joined them. They didn't recognize Him and He played along with them as He asked them about what was going on. He expounded on the Scriptures and accepted their invitation to go to their home for the night. When He was breaking and blessing the bread and giving it to them the Bible says that "*then their eyes were opened and they knew Him*" and then He vanished. Then they said, "*Did not our hearts burn within us when He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?*" Question...do our hearts burn for Him and the Scriptures??

Fire extinguishers are in all businesses and most homes as safety measures. What would be **fire** extinguishers to put out the **fire** of God?? What about doubt, unbelief, unforgiveness, bitterness, complacency, guilt, shame, hatred, lukewarmness, etc. Do we have a **fiery** passion for more of Him and His heart? I believe we are to be carriers of the **fire** of God in our world! The news reporting on the California **fires** said that "one ember in the wind can travel for miles." All it takes is one spark in a really dry land to ignite a wild **fire**!! We must be that spark that will ignite a revival in our families, friends, co-workers and nation!! How?? Ask for it! Ask for the **fire** of our glorious God to consume us and burn out all that grieves Him! Jesus came to baptize us with His Holy **fire** of passion and to refine our hearts of faith as pure gold!

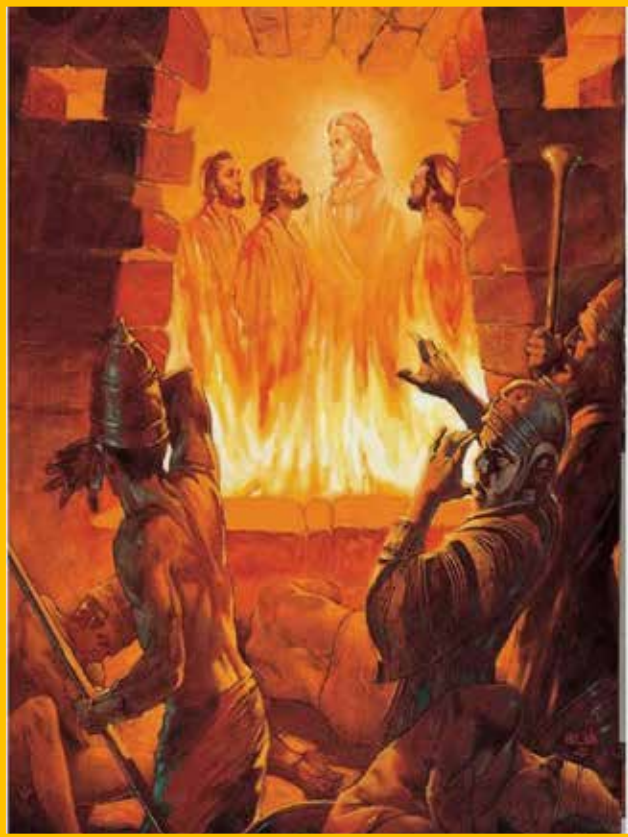
May our hearts burn within us!!! I love and bless you and those you love in the Name of the Lord!!
Rhonda

Donation Drop Off Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00am-2:00pm

Total Served in July

3,059

3 meals a week &
groceries twice month



The fire must be
kept burning on the
altar continuously;
it must not go out.

Leviticus 6:13



Father,
Guide all the children as they go
back to school. Protect them from
enemy attacks and confusion. May
they be filled with peace and joy.
Surround them with Godly teach-
ers and role models. May they seek
you in all they do! In the name of
Jesus!

CURRENT NEEDS:

Backpacks
Any school supplies
Shampoos
Toothpaste
Deodorants
Underwear (all)
Socks (all)
HP 962 xl Ink

EVERYWHERE YOU



GO.



IGNITE THE FIRE

OF THE

HOLY SPIRIT!



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