

## Maintaining Our Spiritual Fire

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### Introduction

1. Colossians 2:12
2. The word translated “operation” is the word from which we get our word energy. The NKJV has “working”
3. There should be, ought to be a fire burning within our bones Jeremiah 20:9; 2 Corinthians 7:7 (fervent mind) 9:2 (zeal); 11:2 (jealousy) (Greek meaning heat)
4. Our young people at camp sing Light the Fire.
5. There is a video on the news of a man stepping outside with a boiling pot of water, tossing the water into the air, the water instantly changing into snow. It was 35degrees below zero! Reaction, That’s kind of cool, Wow, that really cold! That guy’s crazy for going out in that kind of weather. The water froze because of a failure to maintain the heat/fire.
6. How do we maintain our spiritual fire?

### II Discussion

1. Much energy is needed to warm the water; little was needed to cool it.
  - a. It takes 398 BTU to change frozen water to boiling. It takes energy
  - b. Our faith needs to be working (energy – to be active) Galatians 5:6
  - c. We are to be endeavouring to keep the unity of the faith Ephesians 4:3 (endeavouring – make an effort, prompt)
  - d. We are to work out (energy) our salvation Philippians 2:12
  - e. Although talking of the destruction of Jerusalem, the same can be said of many today Matthew 24:12 waxing cold, no energy is put into love
2. Together water was warm; separated it became cold
  - a. Staying close to one another is the way to keep the spiritual fire burning Ecclesiastes 4:11
  - b. The story of the preacher visiting an unattending member and without saying a word, while sitting in front of the fire place, merely pulls a coal out of the fire to watch it slowly die. Yet, putting it back in, the coal warms to a soft red glow again
  - c. We are to exhort one another daily Hebrews 3:13
  - d. This is the importance of our attendance Hebrews 10:23-35
  - e. Why is it that so many do not want to attend, maybe they want to wax cold spiritually!
3. Someone “stirred” the pot!
  - a. The water did not become snow without someone agitating the pot. Someone had move the pot off of the fire. This decreased the heat and increased the cold
  - b. Do we allow someone to move us? Do we allow ourselves to move ourselves from the fire? Revelation 3:15-16
  - c. We are to do things without murmuring and disputing Philippians 2:14
  - d. We are to forgive one another Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 4:32
  - e. We all need to turn to the Lord. Isaiah 55:7; Hebrews 12:1

### III Conclusion

1. We know what it means when a body has “assumed room temperature.”
2. Warmth equals life
3. Let us avoid becoming “room temperature” spiritually and do all that we can to maintain our spiritual fire

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