JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Topic:

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Bible Text: John 14:16–18

Prayer

Omniscient Lord, we thank You for this time to know more of You. Open the eyes of our understanding in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

Introduction

Before His departure, the Lord Jesus Christ began to prepare the hearts of His disciples for the reality of His going. Knowing all that would happen to Him, He comforted them with the promise that they would not be left without help. Just as He had been their Helper while physically present with them, the Father would send another Helper—the Holy Spirit—who would remain with them forever. Through this teaching, the Lord revealed both the continuity of His ministry through the Spirit and the difference between His bodily presence and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

Let someone help us with the verses.

Bible Text: John 14:16–18 (KJV)

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Study

The Lord Jesus Christ started preparing the hearts of His disciples toward His departure. He knew all that was to happen to Him, and He began to speak to them about it, stating that He would ask the Father to give them another Helper who would abide with them forever. From the Lord's statement, it appears that for Him to have been with them, He was a Helper for them. In Him they found assistance and sustenance, and since He was going, it was important for them to receive another Helper who would not depart from them but remain with them.

John 14:16 (KJV)
"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;"

From this, we can see the similar ministry of the Lord and the Holy Spirit, and we may wonder about the similarity between them.

1. Jesus as a Helper, and the Holy Spirit as a Helper.
A helper is someone who has been called alongside to assist. When the Lord was physically present with them, He was a good Helper, and His presence with them proves the role of a Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor, Counselor, Strengthener, and Encourager. Both the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit carry the same role. While He was present with them physically, He fulfilled these ministries among them.

2. Jesus was to lead them bodily, while the Holy Spirit comes to abide with them forever.

This is the difference. Though they can perform the same ministry, the scope of their presence is different. The Lord was bodily present and dwelt with them, and they beheld His glory like that of the only Son of God. But the Holy Spirit is meant to

dwell in them; therefore, they cannot be alone. The Lord went further and spoke about the Holy Spirit. He said, the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him.

John 14:17 (KJV)

"Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." It is important to understand the point the Lord Jesus Christ was making here. He made a clear contrast between the Spirit of God and the world. The world cannot receive Him, He says, because it sees Him not and neither knows Him. This means those who are of the world do not know the Holy Spirit, neither do they see Him. They cannot receive whom they do not see or know. This is why they cannot understand the things of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV)

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Are you following?

Dynamics of the unspiritual or unbelieving man:

1. He does not receive the things of the Spirit of God.
2. The things of the Spirit are foolishness to him.
3. He cannot know the things of the Spirit.
4. The things of the Spirit are spiritually discerned; hence he cannot understand them.

The matters of the Spirit are not ordinary. They are not common either. They are understood only by spiritual people, those in whom the Spirit of God dwells. The unbelieving man does not accept the things, that is, the teachings and revelations of the

Spirit of God. Spirit communicates with spirit. The reason the unbelieving man cannot accept them is because he operates under the flesh. Therefore, it is an error to teach those who are controlled by the flesh the things of the Spirit, for they will not understand them and may even find them boring. It is like giving children's food to the dogs; they will not appreciate it.

You cannot give raw gold to a two-year-old; they will never know its worth. Likewise, the teachings and revelations that come from the Spirit of God are absurd and illogical to an unspiritual man. Since he operates under logic, whereas God's words are spiritual and not always logical to the natural mind, for His ways are not our ways and His thoughts are far above ours. Therefore, such a man lacks the spiritual signal receiver through which he should receive and understand the things of the Spirit. In fact, he is unqualified to judge spiritual matters.

Are we getting this?

This is why those who are not saved are not expected to poke their noses into spiritual things, for they are foolishness to them and they cannot understand them. The reason unspiritual men now say different types of demeaning words and express negative opinions against the church today is because they think the church is meant to be operated the same way the systems of the world are operated. Can we really blame them? Not totally. This is because many unspiritual men who are leaders in the church have presented her as a mere political or religious institution, devoid of the leading of the Holy Spirit. This has ridiculed the body so much.

The integrity of the church is now lost, as unbelievers no longer see any difference between the leadership of the church and the world, because they now appear the same. The reason for this is that the Holy Spirit has been left out, and what is now being used

is mere human wisdom. There will always be problems when a spiritual institution is being run by mere head knowledge, because this will always end in corruption.

John 14:17b (KJV)
"But ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." You know Him, for He dwells with you through Jesus, and will be in you when Jesus leaves. The Lord Jesus Christ said this to show that His disciples already knew the Spirit of truth who dwelt with them. This indicates that the Lord Himself was also that Spirit of truth who had been dwelling with them. From this, He made it clear that He and the Holy Spirit are one, for the Holy Spirit dwells in Him. The Lord could not have meant that the Holy Spirit dwelt with them when He had not yet come fully into the world in that manner. This is why He said, "*he shall be in you.*" On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to dwell in believers. Jesus did not totally separate Himself from the Holy Spirit. He said that He would not leave them as orphans—that is, comfortless, bereaved, and helpless.

Matthew 28:20 (KJV)
"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." The Lord Jesus Christ is not visibly present, yet He is with us always.

How does this happen?

It is through His Spirit, for it is in Him that the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily.

Colossians 2:9 (KJV)
"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

From this statement, it is clear that His Spirit is one with Him who is dwelling with us, and that He Himself will come to us bodily when the time comes.

John 14:18 (KJV)
"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

From the Lord's teaching, it becomes clear that believers are never left alone. Though Jesus Christ is no longer physically present on earth, His presence continues with His people through the Holy Spirit who dwells within them. The Spirit reveals and communicates the things of God, which the natural man cannot understand. Therefore, only those who know God and have His Spirit can truly receive and discern spiritual truths, while the world remains unable to comprehend them. Through the Spirit's indwelling, the promise of Christ remains fulfilled—He has not left His people comfortless, but continues to be with them.

This is where we end today's teaching.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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