

The Church Needs the Holy Spirit Now

Main Text: Psalm 127:1-2: Psalm 127:1–2 (NKJV) ¹Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. ²*It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.*

Subtext: John 16:13 (NKJV) ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Romans 8:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

I. We need a helper

a. John 14:16–18 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.*

b. The Helper has been sent by God the Father himself

c. Jesus will be the one that will baptize with Fire.

i. Like 3:16-17 Luke 3:16–17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

ii. Jesus baptizes with fire.

II. The Responsibility of the helper is to:

a. To lead us to all truth (Ref John 16:13)

i. Sometimes the truth hurts

ii. Sometimes the individual wants to live in an alternate reality than the present one, because the individual doesn't want to deal with the truth.

b. Gives us discernment in our situation and surroundings

i. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

ii. Natural Discernment James 1:5–6 (NKJV) ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

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- c. What we have seen specifically over the last 24-36 months, we need the Holy Spirit to intervene. Our lives need to be rearranged our thinking, our social connections, and our alignments with people , organizations and political venues.
 - d. The Holy Spirit will never lead you in a way that contradicts God's Word or align oneself with people or organizations that contradict God's Word.
 - e. If more people would spend more time developing a relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, more people would be able to hear the voice of God more clearer and follow the true Shepherd (Jesus Christ) and ,we wouldn't have the people today being defeated confused and ready to give up. Listen, Giving Up is not in you Spiritual DNA, but we must be obedient and submissive to God's Word and the lead of the Holy Spirit.
 - i. John 10:25-30 (v27)
- III. The church needs to be in submission to the Holy Spirit in:
- a. Conducting business
 - b. Handling Crisis
 - i. The Holy Spirit will speak to the visionary. The visionary will get counsel from those around him/her, but ultimately the visionary will implement what the Holy Spirit says.
 - c. Spiritual Warfare
 - i. Romans 8:14
 - ii. Everyday living.
 - iii. If a church/people are led by the Holy Spirit, they will never loose!
- IV. Conclusion: Altar Call – Reacquaintance with the Holy Spirit. Baptism with the Holy Spirit.