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The Holy Spirit is the least discussed and most misunderstood member of the Trinity.

HOWEVER, WE NEED TO GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF WHO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS BECAUSE WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

JOHN 14:26 (NIV)

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

The Holy Spirit is known as the *Paraklete*, meaning “called alongside to help.”

Why do we need the Holy Spirit?

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT WITNESSES INSIDE OF US THAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD.

God did not only redeem us from our past or save us for the eternal future.

By sending the Holy Spirit, God shows us that He wants to relate with us today.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14 (ESV)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person whom we can experience fellowship with. This means that the Holy Spirit is not only powerful; He is also deeply and intimately personal.

JOHN 14:15-17 (ESV)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit would come upon the people of God. However, under the New Covenant, the Holy Spirit now lives within the people of God.

THE SPIRIT LIVES WITHIN US AND HE WILL NEVER DEPART. THIS IS THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; HE IS A SEAL. BY HIM, YOUR SALVATION IS ASSURED FOREVER.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-22 (ESV)

And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.



EPHESIANS 1:13-14 (ESV)

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A seal communicates ownership. Because God's ownership of us assures our worth and value as His sons and daughters, we no longer have to live in fear.

ROMANS 8:14-16 (NIV)

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Our identity, our worth, and our security is not determined by our performance, but by our position before God as His children - established by Jesus' finished work on the cross and sealed by the Holy Spirit living in us.

The next time you find yourself questioning God's love amidst life's trials, the witness of the Holy Spirit assures that who we are as God's sons and daughters will not change.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. According to the Scriptures from today's session, what is the role of the Holy Spirit in our relationship with God?
2. Why is it important that the Holy Spirit witnesses inside of us our identity as God's children amidst life's trials?