

THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 2:9-14; John 3:5-8; Romans 8:11-14;
Ephesians 1:13-14

How the Holy Spirit works practically in our Christian faith. He helps us from beginning to end.

John 14:16-17 (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.

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I. HE HELPS WITH OUR SIGHT – HOLY SPIRIT ILLUMINATION (1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-14)

1. So that we can see the truth about God

- i. *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.*
- ii. *Acts 26:18 (NKJV)¹⁸ to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'*
- iii. An article referenced in Max Lucado's book, God Came Near: "Bob Edens, He lived 51 years without

seeing anything at all, until complicated surgery gave him eyesight. He found it overwhelming. 'I never would have dreamed that yellow was so ... so yellow. I don't have the words. I am amazed by yellow. 'But red is my favourite colour. I just can't believe red,' said Edens, who said the first thing he ever saw was an eyedropper in the hands of a nurse. 'Grass is something I had to get used to,' he said. 'I always thought it was just fuzz. But to see each individual green stalk, and to see the hair on my arm growing like trees, and birds flying through the air, and everything -- it's like starting a whole new life. It's the most amazing thing in the world to see things you never thought you'd see. 'I saw the purple and orange recently in the face of a tiger. I could see the individual hairs and the colours and his eyes. 'I can see the shape of the moon -- and I like nothing better than seeing a jet plane flying across the sky leaving a vapor trail. And of course sunrises and sunsets. 'I can't wait to get up each day to see what I can see. I am still seeing most of it for the first time. 'And at night I look at the stars in the sky and flashing lights. And I am learning to read and write -- like a first grader. Everything is like a constant high. You could never know how wonderful everything is.'

- iv. “Once you have seen God’s face you will forever long to see it again.” — Max Lucado, *God Came Near*

2. When we see the truth about God we also see the truth about ourselves

- i. *Isaiah 6:5 (NKJV)*⁵ *So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.”*

3. Not everyone wants to see the truth because it contradicts what they want to believe

- i. *John 3:19–20 (NKJV)*¹⁹ *And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.* ²⁰ *For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.*
- ii. *Luke 10:21 (NKJV)*²¹ *In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.*
- i. *John 9:24–25 (ESV)*²⁴ *So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”* ²⁵ *He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do*

not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

II. HE HELPS WITH OUR SALVATION – HOLY SPIRIT REGENERATION (JOHN 3:5-8)

1. The Holy Spirit is involved in our salvation from conviction to acceptance. We are born again.

- i. *John 16:7–8 (ESV)⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment*
- ii. *2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

II. HE HELPS WITH OUR SANCTIFICATION – HOLY SPIRIT APPLICATION (ROMANS 8:11-14)

1. Our faith life is a process of practically becoming the Christlike people God has called us to be.

- i. We have the power of the Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit to help us walk in the Spirit.
- ii. *1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV)¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified,*

but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- iii. *Galatians 5:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*
- iv. “Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without the wind, branches without sap, and like coals without fire, we are useless.” —Charles Spurgeon

III. HE HELPS WITH OUR SECURITY – HOLY SPIRIT FORTIFICATION (EPHESIANS 1:13-14)

- i. *John 10:27–29 (NKJV) ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.*
- ii. When G. Campbell Morgan was a young man he visited two elderly ladies each week to read the Bible to them. When he read Matthew 28:20, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” He said, “Isn’t that a wonderful promise?” One of the ladies quickly replied, “Young man, that is not a promise. It is a fact!” All of God’s promises are fact.