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THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALED
Exploring the Father's Promise to Believers

Scripture Reference Notes
Lesson TWELVE

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

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This lesson may be the most important of all we have done thus far. We have learned many facts about the Holy Spirit. The goal of this lesson is to encourage us to take the knowledge of who the Holy Spirit is and make spiritual application to our hearts and lives allowing it to change us.

We will do a bit of review from Jesus' words in the Gospel of John to set the stage.

John 14:16-18 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

John 14:25-26 "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."

John 16:7-13 "But 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. "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the

ruler of this world has been judged. "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you."

You have heard me say that I strongly believe that the gift of the Holy Spirit from the Father is second only to our gift of salvation through the grace given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ.

I still believe this. When you allow yourself to contemplate it, I think you will come to understand when the Creator of the universe gave His only Son to redeem us and make us fit for heaven, it was miracle. That would have been enough. However, the Father goes one step further and allows His own Spirit to come and take up residence in each one of us who believe in Jesus as our Savior.

These are mind boggling truths! Perhaps we are so used to the words that we don't take the time to absorb what they mean and how precious these gifts are. Also, how very personal. It leads me to believe that I should never doubt the Father's love for me. I pray you will take the time to meditate on this and allow yourself to feel the full impact of God's gifts to us.

In Max Lucado's book, "Help is Here", he states, "our Heaven-Sent Helper is the ally of the saint. He is our champion, our advocate, our guide. He comforts and directs us. He indwells, transforms, sustains, and will someday delivery us into our heavenly home."

Anne Graham Lotz says in her book, "Jesus in Me", "The Holy Spirit is all that Jesus is, though without His physical body. He is Jesus without skin. Just as Jesus is the exact representation of God the Father, the Spirit is the exact representation of Jesus' mind, will, and emotions. He is the invisible Jesus. Holy Spirit is Jesus in me!"

So, let's look at a few of the blessings we receive from the Holy Spirit as believers in Jesus Christ. This is not an exhaustive list, by the way.

1. The Holy Spirit INDWELLS us. (Definition: occupies, possesses, lodges, permanently present, takes up residence) —John 14:17 “that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.”

I Cor 6:19-20 “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body.”

2. The Holy Spirit CONVICTS us. (Definition: conscience, “taps on the shoulder”, “whispers in the ear”, points to truth) —John 16:8 “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”
3. The Holy Spirit FREES us. (Definition: liberates, releases from captivity) ---Romans 8:2 “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.”
4. The Holy Spirit GUIDES us. (Definition: shows the way, directs, helps to focus and discern) —John 16:13-14 “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.”
5. The Holy Spirit is our HELPER, (paraclete). (Definition: comforter, counselor, advocate, intercessor, someone who comes alongside) — John 14:16 “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.”
6. The Holy Spirit is our TEACHER. (Definition: instructor, reminder) —John 14:26 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

7. The Holy Spirit INTERCEDES for us. (Definition: stands in on our behalf, interposes, intervenes)--- Romans 8:26-27 “In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”
8. The Holy Spirit gives us ACCESS to the Father. (Definition: an entrance, an invitation) --- Ephesians 2:17-18 “AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.”
9. The Holy Spirit is our PLEDGE from God. (Definition: a promise of allegiance, loyalty) —II Cor 1:20-22 “For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore, also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.”
10. The Holy Spirit UNITES us. (Definition: causes to have all things in common) -- Eph 4:3-6 “Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”
11. The Holy Spirit develops FRUIT in our lives. (Definition: attributes that reflect Godly behavior) ---Galatians 5:22-25 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.”

12. The Holy Spirit gives us each GIFTS. (Definition: talents and attributes developed for the furthering of the Kingdom and the building up of the body of Christ) ---I Cor 12:7-11 “But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.”

13. The Holy Spirit TESTIFIES that we are children of the Most High God. (Definition: makes witness, speaks on behalf of another’s benefit)—Romans 8:14-17 “For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.”

14. The Holy Spirit gives us POWER and LIFE. (Definition: a supernatural, spiritual enabling) ---Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

15. The Holy Spirit SANCTIFIES us. (Definition: makes us holy and acceptable in the eyes of a just God, conforms us to the image of Christ)---II Thess 2:13 “But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.”

16. The Holy Spirit STRENGTHENS us. (Definition: gives supernatural power and enabling to bear up under the stress of life) ---Ephesians 3:14-19 “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”

17. The Holy Spirit SEALS us. (Definition: permanently confirms, totally secure, shows possession and ownership) --Eph 1:13 “In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.”

Eph 4:30 “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Romans 8:38-39 “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

As we can see, the Holy Spirit comes fully equipped to help us out in any of our life situations. God has given Him to us for just that purpose. Jesus lived on earth and He understood how hard life can be down here. “He was tempted in all points just like us” scripture tells us. So for that reason, the Father sent His promised Holy Spirit to indwell us and help us along the way down here.

In Chuck Swindoll’s book, “Flying Closer to the Flame”, he says, “The Holy Spirit longs to empower us with His dynamic presence, change our attitudes, warm our hearts, show us how and where to walk, comfort us in our struggles and our sorrows, strengthen us in the weak and fragile places of our lives, and literally revolutionize our pilgrimage from this planet to paradise.”

David Jeremiah says in his book, "God in You", "The Holy Spirit has sometimes been called "the forgotten God," because so few know or understand His ministry. But whether the world acknowledges Him or believes in Him or not doesn't really change a thing. He is still God in you."

This is great assurance for us as believers.

Remember Tim Sanford's statement: "It is important to understand the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives today. To be ignorant of Him and His work results in a lack of real godly power being demonstrated in the believer's life. As we grow in this understanding, we will find ourselves more and more dependent upon Him and growing in sensitivity to Him."

After this study, I don't think we can "plead ignorance". We have systematically and comprehensively presented the scriptures teaching on the Holy Spirit from the very beginning. Now the question for us is.....

SO WHAT?

I think we should be asking ourselves the question, "what else could I possibly ask the Father to do for me?"

These verses we have read are just a sampling in scripture that speak to all the LORD GOD has done on our behalf. What else is there?

I also should ask myself if I am showing the appropriate gratitude toward God for all His bountiful blessings He has lavished on me?

David Jeremiah went to far as to say, "I believe the strongest evidence for a Spirit-filled life is gratitude."

Whether you agree with him or not, do you have an attitude of gratitude?

Throughout this study I have seen more and more how much God loves me and all His children and the lengths He was willing to go to in order that we could spend eternity in heaven with Him.

Do you ever think about that or are you, like me, going along on your merry way with your own stuff to do and forgetting that this is NOT our home, “we are just passing through”.

Ladies, I am serious about this one! The Holy Spirit has convicted me that YES, THERE IS MORE that God has for me! And I want it! I do not want to be content any longer with just getting by and waiting for the rapture.

I want my life to count. I want to finish well. I want to make a difference.

Will you join me?

II CORINTHIANS 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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We have had quite a journey to a better understanding of who the Holy Spirit of God is. Perhaps through this discovery you now realize more of what the Holy Spirit's impact is to be in the life of a believer.....in your life.

Let's explore some of these gifts in the following verses. Read and record what you see.

1---John 15:26

2---Acts 4:31

3---Romans 8:2

4---Galatians 5:5

5---Ephesians 2:18

6---I Peter 1:2

7---II Peter 1:21

8---Titus 3:5

9---Revelation 2:7

10---Has your understanding of the Holy Spirit improved/increased since our study began? Explain

11---Is there more you would like to experience in your relationship with the Holy Spirit? How can you explore “more” or “deeper” relationship with the Holy Spirit? Are you challenged to do this?