

# Help From The Holy Spirit

## 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

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#### I. Intro

- Anecdote

- Pentecost

- It was ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven - when God the Father sent the Holy Spirit to HELP the disciples of Christ.
- And ever since then - the Holy Spirit has been helping those who trust in the Lord Jesus...
- ...so that Christians can serve our Savior - by the power of our heavenly helper.
- And while the Bible has much to say about the ministry of the Holy Spirit...
- ...there are many who are confused about the way in which the Spirit of God helps us live our lives for the Lord.
- This includes those who think that the Holy Spirit is some sort of impersonal force.
  - And yet - the Lord Jesus always referred to the Holy Spirit - with the personal pronoun - HE.
- Feminine
- There are also those who insist that the Holy Spirit is the divine mother who gave birth to the church.
- There are even those who have mistakenly referred to the Holy Spirit as Mother God.

- And yet - again - the Lord Jesus always used the personal pronoun - HE - when referring to the Holy Spirit.
- Therefore - those who believe that the Holy Spirit is the divine feminine are failing to understand the identity of our Heavenly Helper.
- Then there are those who are concerned that the Holy Spirit will depart from the backslidden believer.
  - And this is despite the fact that Paul has assured us that the Holy Spirit seals the believer...
    - ...until the day when the Christian is completely redeemed - to the praise of God's glory.

## II. Outline

- Helper
  - Now - as we consider all of the confusion surrounding the person of the Holy Spirit...
  - ...we can rejoice in knowing that the Lord used Paul to help us understand how the Holy Spirit was sent to help us.
  - And as we study the scriptures before us this morning - we'll begin to see that...

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1. ...the Holy Spirit Helps us to Know
  2. ...the Holy Spirit Helps us to Walk
  3. ...the Holy Spirit Helps us to Speak
- With this as our outline - let's open our Bibles to 1st Corinthians chapter 12...
    - ...where we find Paul - helping his audience to how the Holy Spirit helps those who trust in Jesus.

### III. Know

- Set up

- Context

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- As we make our way to the twelfth chapter of 1st Corinthians - I wanna take a moment to put our text - back into it's context.
- It was back in the beginning of this epistle - where Paul described the way that the Holy Spirit provides us with supernatural instruction...
- ...by helping believers to understand the mind of God.
- Not only that - but - Paul also informed the original recipients of this epistle that the Holy Spirit was dwelling within them.
- What this means is that - born-again believers have become the temple of the Holy Spirit.
- And now - it's here in the 12th chapter of this epistle - where we find Paul describing the way that the Holy Spirit helps us.
- With this as our focus - let's start our study of this chapter - beginning there at verse 1 - where Paul declared...

#### **SLIDE 6-7**

1Co 12:1      Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

1Co 12:2      You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.

1Co 12:3      Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

- Holy Spirit

- Here in the beginning of this chapter - we find Paul - helping his audience to understand - how the Holy Spirit was sent to help us.

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- And with this as our focus - we should take some time to consider the identity of the Holy Spirit...
  - ...so that we can better understand the way that He is able to help those who trust in Jesus.
  - I should first point out that - the word - Spirit - found there in verse 3...
    - ...was translated from a Greek word - which - in this context - was used in reference to the third person of the triune God.
    - That being the case - the Spirit of God is coequal - and coeternal with the Father and the Son.
- Holy
  - I should also point out that - the word - Holy - found there at the end of verse 3...
    - ...was translated from a Greek word - which was used to describe that which is perfect - and pure.
    - The same word was used of that which is ceremonially sinless - and worthy of veneration.
    - What this means is that - the Spirit of God is Holy - - in the same way that our Heavenly Father is Holy.
    - And it's for this reason that the third person of our Triune God is often called the Holy Spirit.
    - That's right - the Spirit of God is called the Holy Spirit - 96 times in the Bible - because - He is Holy.
- Helper

- And while it's true the the Holy Spirit is Holy - - it's also true that the Holy Spirit was sent to serve as our heavenly helper.
- In order to prove my point - let's consider the way that the Holy Spirit was sent to reveal the identity our Savior - Jesus.
- With this as our focus - let's consider Luke's account of the day when Jesus was baptized.
- Hold your place here in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles to Luke chapter 3.
- And as we make our way to the third chapter of Luke's gospel account - I wanna take a moment to remind you that...
  - ...the Lord informed John the Baptist - that he would be able to identify the promised Messiah...
  - ...when he witnessed the Holy Spirit descending - and remaining on Him.
- Confirm
- With this in mind - let's consider Luke's account of our Savior's Baptism which is found here in Luke chapter 3.
- Look with me - beginning there at verse 21 - where Luke writes...

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Luk 3:21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened.

Luk 3:22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

- Here in these verses - we find Luke - describing the way in which the Holy Spirit was sent to help John the Baptist - properly identify our Messiah.

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- And just as the Lord had informed him - - the Holy Spirit descended from heaven in the form of a dove...

- ...and as He remained upon the incarnate Son of God - - He was confirming the identity of our Christ.
- In this way - the Holy Spirit was sent to HELP John the Baptist accomplish his calling.
- With that being the case - we shouldn't be surprised to learn that the Lord Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit and the Helper.

- Helper

- For example - it's in John chapter 14 - where Jesus described the Holy Spirit and our Helper - by declaring...

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Jhn 14:16 "I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

Jhn 14:17 "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."

- That word - helper - was translated from a Greek word - which was used of those who provide legal counsel.

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- The same word was used of those who act as an intercessor - or a comforter.
- And what this means is that - the Holy Spirit was sent to help those who trust in Jesus...
- ...and He does this by providing us with the guidance we need - in every situation.
- And this of course begins - as the Holy Spirit helps unbelievers to trust in Jesus.

- Dead

- This was precisely the point that the Lord Jesus was making - when He described the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- With this as our focus - let's continue holding our place there in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles to John chapter 16.
- And as we make our way to the 16th chapter of John's gospel account - I should take a moment to point out that...
  - ...the unbeliever will never use their free will to trust in Jesus Christ - and the reason why is because we're spiritually dead.
  - It's for this reason that we willfully suppress the truth in our unrighteousness.
    - Thankfully for us - God the Father sent the Holy Spirit to HELP us - and He does this - by convicting us of our sin.
- Helper
  - Let's consider how Christ Jesus explained it - here in John chapter 16 - look with me - beginning there at verse 7 - where the Lord declared...

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Jhn 16:7 "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 depart, I will send Him to you.

Jhn 16:8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Jhn 16:9 "of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

Jhn 16:10 "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

Jhn 16:11 "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

- Here in these verses - we find the Lord Jesus - once again referring to the Holy Spirit as our Helper.

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- And just to be clear - the Holy Spirit was sent to HELP unbelievers to understand their need for Jesus.

- With this as the goal - the Holy Spirit was sent to convict the hearts of every unbeliever...
- ...so that they might repent of their sins - and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - And listen - those who receive this help from the Holy Spirit - will be born of the Spirit.
- Nicodemus
  - In order to prove my point - let's consider the way that Jesus explained it to a Pharisees named Nicodemus.
  - Continue holding your place - there in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles to John chapter 3.
  - You see - it's here in the third chapter of John's gospel account - where we find Nicodemus...
  - ...approaching the Christ Jesus with questions about the signs that He was accomplishing.
  - But rather than answering the question that Nicodemus presented...
    - ...the Lord helped him to understand that he needed to be born of the Spirit.
- Born Again
  - Let's consider how Christ Jesus put it - here in John chapter 3 - look with me beginning there at verse 3 - where Jesus declared...

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Jhn 3:3 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Jhn 3:4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Jhn 3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Jhn 3:6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Jhn 3:7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

Jhn 3:8 “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

- Those who want to benefit from the HELP of the Holy Spirit - must first be born of the Spirit - by faith in Jesus Christ.

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- And it's at that moment when we are born of the Spirit - when we become the adopted children of God.
- Not only that - but - those who are born of the Spirit - also receive the spiritual guidance that we need...
  - ...as the Holy Spirit guides us according to the mind of God.
  - And in this way - He helps us to escape our ignorance.
- Ignorant
- Let's consider how Paul explained it here in our text today - and so - let's turn back to 1st Corinthians chapter 12.
  - Look with me again - there at verse 1 - where Paul declared...

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1Co 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

- Now - that word - ignorant - was translated from the Greek word - which was used of those who are lacking knowledge.

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- The same Greek word was used of those who struggle to understand the knowledge they've acquired.
- And in the context of this passage - Paul was referring to the ignorance of the Christians in Corinth...

- ...who were struggling to understand how the Holy Spirit empowers us with charismatic gifts.
- And it's for this reason that the Spirit of God led Paul to write this chapter - according to the promise of the Lord Jesus.

- Context

- As a matter of fact - it's here in this chapter - where Paul presented the Christians in Corinth with a list of these spiritual gifts.
- And in this way - the Holy Spirit was providing them with the knowledge they needed...
- ...so that they could serve our Savior - with a proper understanding of these charismatic gifts.
- And in the weeks to come - we'll spend our time - acquiring this knowledge - as we continue to study this chapter.
- But for the sake of our study today - we should take a moment to consider how the Holy Spirit was sent...
- ...to help every Christian acquire - and comprehend the knowledge of God's will.

- Application

- Truth

- It's in John chapter 16 - beginning at verse 12 - where the Lord Jesus declared...

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Jhn 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

Jhn 16:13 "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."

- The Holy Spirit was not only sent to help unbelievers become believers...

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- ...but - He was also sent to guide believers into the truth of God's will.
- And in this way - the Holy Spirit helps us to know the God of our salvation...
- ...and at the same time - He also helps us to know God's will for our lives.
- That being the case - we can rejoice in knowing that the Holy Spirit is here to help us to know the truth of the Lord.

### ● Transition

- Points

- Now - this brings us to our second point - because listen...

1. ...the Holy Spirit not only Helps us to Know the truth...

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2. ...but - the Holy Spirit also Helps us to Walk in the truth.

- With this as our focus - let's continue to consider the point that Paul was making - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 12.
- Look with me beginning again - there at verse 1 - where Paul declared...

### IV. Walk

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1Co 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

1Co 12:2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.

- Idols

- It's here in verse 2 - where we find Paul - reminding the Christians in Corinth about the days...

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- ...when they were carried away - to the worthless idols that they once worshipped.
- As a matter of fact - the gentiles in Corinth were well known for their devotion to pagan deities...
  - ...like Apollo - Poseidon - Zeus - Helios - Asklepios - Pan - and Dionysos.
  - Not only that - but many were known to worship female idols - like Aphrodite - and Artemis.
  - And while it's true that the Christians in Corinth once worshipped those Greek deities...
    - ...it's also true that they had been carried away - to the dumb idols of the pagan religions.
- Dumb
  - I like the way that scholars who created the Legacy Standard Bible rendered verse 2 - they put it like this...

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1Co 12:2 You know that when you were pagans, you were being led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.

- The idols of the pagan religions are mute - - and the reason why is because - there is only one true and living God.

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- This was precisely the point that Paul was making back in 1st Corinthians chapter 8...
  - ...where he assured his audience that - an idol is nothing in the world - and that there is no other God but one.
  - And while it's true that the idols of the pagan religions had mouths...

- ...it's also true that they were unable to speak - and the reason why is because - they were nothing more than dumb statues.

- Led

- That being the case - you might be wondering why so many Gentiles were carried away to those dumb idols.

- To understand why - let's consider something Paul wrote to the church in Rome - it's Romans chapter 1 beginning at verse 18 - where we learn that...

### **SLIDE 29-33**

Rom 1:18 ...the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom 1:19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Rom 1:21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

Rom 1:25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

- In other words - those who suppress the truth about God - in order to pursue their sinful desires...
  - ...will end up worshipping the creation - rather than the Creator - Who is blessed forever.

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- That's right - those who fail to worship the God Who created the Universe...
- ...will eventually be led astray by the dumb idols that are created by the false teachers of this world.
- And as a result - the Lord allows them to travel the broad road that leads to destruction.

- Help

- In contrast to this - those who are born of the Spirit by faith in Jesus Christ will receive the Help we need - as we walk in the Spirit.
- And in order to understand how the Holy Spirit helps us to walk - let's consider how Paul put it - in the letter he sent to the church in Galatia.
- Hold your place - here in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles to Galatians chapter 5.
- You see - it's here in the fifth chapter of Galatians - where we find Paul encouraging the Christians in Galatia...
- ...to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit - so they could overcome the sinful lusts of the flesh.
- And not only that - but - those who walk in the power of the Holy Spirit...
- ...will also become those believers who produce the fruit of the Spirit.

- Application

- Walk

- Let's consider how Paul put it - here in Galatians chapter 5 - look with me beginning there at verse 16 - where he declared...

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Gal 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal 5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Gal 5:24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

- According to Paul - those who walk according to the lusts of the flesh - will engage in all manner of immorality.

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- In contrast to this - those who walk in the Spirit - will receive the help we need - to overcome the lusts of the flesh.
- And as we overcome the lusts of the flesh - by the power of the Holy Spirit...
- ...we will also produce the fruit of the Spirit - which is according to the holiness of the Lord.
- And it's for this reason that Paul commanded those who live in the Spirit - - to also WALK in the Spirit.
- Walk?
- Christian - listen - just because a person is born of the Spirit - doesn't mean they're walking in the Spirit.

- And just because a person is filled with the Spirit - and sealed with the Spirit - doesn't mean they're walking in the Spirit.
- It's for this reason that Paul encouraged those who live in the Spirit - - to also WALK in the Spirit.
- And with this as the goal - we can rejoice in knowing that...
  - ...the Holy Spirit was sent to help us walk - in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.
  - And as we seek the help of the Holy Spirit - He will help us to walk by faith - and not by sight.

#### ● Transition

#### • Points

- Now - this brings us to our third and final point - because listen...

1. ...the Holy Spirit not only Helps us to Know the truth...

2. ...and the Holy Spirit not only Helps us to Walk in the truth...

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3. ...but - the Holy Spirit also Helps us to Speak the truth.

- With this as our focus - let's continue to consider the point that Paul was making - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 12.
- Look with me beginning again - there at verse 1 - where Paul declared...

#### V. Speak

#### **SLIDE 41-42**

1Co 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

1Co 12:2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.

1Co 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

- Speak
  - Now - as we consider Paul's point - we can rejoice in knowing that - the Holy Spirit is here to help us speak the truth in love.

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- And according to Paul - those who are speaking by the power of the Holy Spirit - will never speak a curse against the Lord Jesus.
  - Just to be clear - that word - speak - was translated from a Greek word which was used in reference to our faculty of speech.
    - This not only refers to the articulate sounds uttered by our tongue...
      - ...but - Paul was also referring to the words we use to declare our mind - and disclose our thoughts - and beliefs.
        - And so we see that - the Holy Spirit will help us to avoid saying anything that would be a curse against Christ Jesus.
  - Ability
    - Not only that - but the Holy Spirit will also help us to proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
      - Let's consider again how Paul put it - there in verse 3 - where he declared...

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1Co 12:3 I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

- Now - in order to grasp the point that Paul was making - it's important to understand that...

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- ...he wasn't just referring to the linguistic mechanics of saying - Jesus is Lord.

- Every person who has the faculty of speech - is easily able to utter the words: "Jesus is Lord."
- And listen - this is true of both believers - and unbelievers alike.
  - And so we should ask - what did Paul mean when he informed us that "no one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit."

- MY LORD

- With this question in mind - let's consider the way in which the scholars who created the Amplified Bible rendered verse 3 - they put it like this....

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1Co 12:3 I want you to know that no one speaking by the [power and influence of the] Spirit of God can say, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is [my] Lord," except by [the power and influence of] the Holy Spirit.

- Just to be clear about the point that Paul was making - it'll help you to know that the word - Lord...

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- ...was translated from a Greek word - which was used by servants who were greeting their master with a title of reverence and respect.
- And as we consider the way that Paul referred to Jesus as our Lord...
  - ...he was helping us to realize that - Jesus is not just our Messiah - but He is also our Master.
    - And listen - no one can truly say - Jesus is MY Master - except by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Lip Service

- Let's consider how the Lord Jesus put it - in Luke chapter 6 - it's beginning at verse 46 - where He asked...

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Luk 6:46 "...why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

Luk 6:47 "Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:

Luk 6:48 "He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

Luk 6:49 "But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

- From this - we can see that there are those who call Jesus Lord - - and yet - they don't do the things that He says.

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- And what this means is that - anyone can call our Messiah their master - without submitting to our Savior.
  - Then there are those who are walking in the power of the Holy Spirit - as they set out to serve our Savior.
    - And as they proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ - they aren't just giving lip service.
- Ascension
  - In order to further grasp the way in which the Holy Spirit helps us to proclaim the Lordship of Jesus...
  - ...we should consider the final instructions that the Lord Jesus presented - just before His ascension into Heaven.
  - With this as our focus - let's turn in our Bibles to Acts chapter 1 - and as we make our way to the first chapter of Acts...
  - ...I should take a moment to point out that - the Lord Jesus spent 40 days with His apostles - after rising up from the tomb.

- Then - it was on the day of His ascension into Heaven - when the Lord Jesus gathered His disciples together on the Mount of Olives.
- And it was there where He commanded them to wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

- Power

- Let's consider how the Lord Jesus put it - here in Acts chapter 1 - look with me beginning there at verse 4 - where Luke writes...

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Act 1:4 ...being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

Act 1:5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Act 1:6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Act 1:7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

Act 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- It was just before ascending into Heaven - when our risen Redeemer reminded His disciples about the help of the Holy Spirit.

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- And it was 10 days later - on the day of Pentecost - when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the primitive church...

- ...beginning with the Jewish believers who were there in Jerusalem.

- It was on that day when the Holy Spirit started to empower the disciples of Christ...

- ...to bear witness to the death - burial and resurrection of Jesus.

- Witness

- Now - that word - witness - found there in verse 8 - was translated from a Greek word...
- ...which was used of those who give their testimony of what they have seen - or heard - or knows by any other means.
- Greek scholar - Spiros Zohdicates - expanded upon this definition by informing us that a witness is one...
  - ...who has information or knowledge of something, and hence, one who can give information, bring to light, or confirm something.
  - And while this word was often times used in a legal context - in reference to an eyewitness who takes the stand...
    - ...the same Greek word is used in a Christian context - of those who testify to the truth of the Lord Jesus.
- Tell
  - I like the way that the scholars who created the *Amplified Bible* rendered Acts chapter 1 - verse 8 - here's how they put it...

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Act 1:8 “...you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”

- From this - we can see that - the Holy Spirit was sent - so that Christians could receive the power we need - to tell others about Jesus.

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- And what this means is that - the Christian who will take the time to present their testimony to an unbeliever...
  - ...will receive the help we need - so that we can tell others that Jesus Christ is Lord.
  - That's right - the Holy Spirit who dwells within the body of the believer...

- ...will provide us with the help we need - so that we can speak the truth about the Lord Jesus.

- The Promise

- In order to further grasp how the Holy Spirit helps us to speak forth the truth about the Lord Jesus...
- ...we should consider the promise that the Lord Jesus presented - to four of His apostles.
- And with this as our focus - let's turn in our Bibles - to Mark chapter 13 - you see - it's here in the thirteenth chapter of Mark's gospel account...
  - ...where we find Peter - James - John - and Andrew approached the Lord....
  - ...and they asked Him about the prophecy that He just presented - about the destruction of the temple.
  - And in response - the Lord Jesus reminded them about the help of the Holy Spirit.

- Application

- Speak
  - Let's consider how Jesus put it - here in Mark chapter 13 - look with me beginning there at verse 9 - it's there where He declared...

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Mar 13:9 “...watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.

Mar 13:10 “And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

Mar 13:11 “But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

- Here in these verses - we find the Lord Jesus - describing the way in which His disciples would be persecuted for their faith.

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- At the same time - He assuring His apostles that they didn't need to spend time premeditating their defense of the gospel.
- No - instead - He encouraged them to simply rely on the Holy Spirit - Who would help them to know what to say.
- And as we consider this promise - I can assure you that - the Holy Spirit will also help us to speak...
  - ...so that we can present the people around us with a defense for the hope that we have within our hearts.
- Scared
  - Does the thought of sharing your faith - fill your heart with fear?
  - Are you worried that you'll make a mistake - of you present your testimony to an unbeliever?
  - If so - then I encourage you to remember that - the Holy Spirit was sent to help you...
    - ...so that you can speak the truth about the Lord Jesus - and the way He saved you.
    - And so - rather than allowing fear to stop you from sharing your testimony with others...
      - ...I encourage you to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit - so that you can tell others that Jesus Christ is Lord.

## VI. Conclusion

- Wrap up

- Now - as we begin to wrap up this study - you might like to know that - Paul has more to say about the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- And as we continue to make our way through this epistle - we will learn more about the way that the Holy Spirit is here to help us.
- But for know - I encourage you to remember that...

## **SLIDE 61**

1. ...the Holy Spirit Helps us to Know the truth...

- ...so that every Christian acquire - and comprehend the knowledge of God's will.

2. ...the Holy Spirit also Helps us to Walk in the truth...

- ...so that every Christian can live a life that is pleasing to the Lord.

3. ...and the Holy Spirit Helps us to Speak the truth...

- ...so that every Christian can bear witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- And with all of this being the case - I encourage every Christian to walk by faith with the Lord Jesus Christ...

## **SLIDE 62**

- ...and as we do - we'll receive the help we need - by the infinite power of the Holy Spirit.