

Encounter Church Sunday May 05, 2024

Help Is Here You're Not Alone

AFTER JESUS RESURRECTION BEFORE HIS ASCENSION

Matthew 28:18-20- Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

BEFORE HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS

John 14:18- "No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you."

John 15:26- "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."

LOOK WHAT ELSE JESUS SAID

John 16:7- "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you]."

People have conceptions about God that really are misconceptions that keep them from God!

Acts 2:4 - "And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability."

Well on the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on the earth there were a lot of misconceptions.

Acts 2:12,13 - "They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other. But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"

Many times we reject and criticize what we don't understand.

So we're going to talk about the Holy Spirit and explain WHO the Holy Spirit is so you won't keep the Holy Spirit at an arms length distance.

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT

I. The Holy Spirit is not an "IT."

HE'S A HIM! The Holy Spirit is a person! The Greek word for the Holy Spirit actually means a refreshing breath of fresh air. You can't see Him but He's there.

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

Another- refers to another **JUST LIKE JESUS!**

II. The Holy Spirit is not weird!

The Holy Spirit is not weird, **PEOPLE ARE WEIRD!** Don't let people keep you from the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit was the topic of the conversation at the Last Supper when Jesus was sitting around the table with his disciples.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. He is the Inner Voice

John 16:8 - "And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment."

The devil condemns. The Holy Spirit convicts. Conviction, that pain you feel when you're walking on the beach and you cut your foot on a piece of glass.

The Holy Spirit is an inner voice you need to become familiar with. The Holy Spirit will speak with you today!

1 Corinthians 12:3 - ".....and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit."

2. He wants to be your Teacher

John 14:26- "But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you."

That's why we need to know that inner voice. He teaches us all things!

1 John 2:27 - "But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ."

3. He wants to be your Guide

John 16:13- "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future."

Isaiah 30:21 - "Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, "This is the way you should go," whether to the right or to the left."

4. He wants to be your Friend

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

Helper- One called along side of you to help you!

2 Corinthians 13:14 - "The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you."

It begins with the cross and then leads to the intimate friendship with the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION:

Ephesians 4:30 (MSG)- "Don't grieve God. Don't break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted."

PRAY THIS DAILY:

1. Holy Spirit Show Me!

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NLT)- "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations."

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT)- "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you; and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

HOLY SPIRIT SHOW ME

2. Holy Spirit Change Me!

Now when He shows you something ask Him to change you!

It's important that you don't stay where you are!

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 - "For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."

HOLY SPIRIT CHANGE ME

3. Holy Spirit Fill Me

Give me everything you have!

Ephesians 5:18 - "Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,"

Don't follow your senses. "BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT!"

Acts 13:52- "And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."

Being filled with the Holy Spirit doesn't make me better than you it makes me better than me!

BY MYSELF IS NOT ENOUGH. WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU ARE NEVER ALONE!

OPEN YOUR LIFE TO THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?