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Becoming Acquainted With the Holy Spirit #1 **Pastor Charles Mendenhall**

The Holy Spirit - who is He? - What does He do?

Many people are uncertain what His part is that He plays in their lives. In chapters 14 through 17 of the book of John, Jesus begins to teach and prepare His disciples for His departure and He wanted them to get acquainted with the Holy Spirit and to know Him. The Holy Spirit was going to be their ministry in the place that Jesus had ministered in.

The Holy Spirit is a helper, He has come to aid us, to assist and support us. He is here all the time and He is here for a purpose. We must learn to recognize Him in our lives.

John 14:16-18 "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." KJV

The Holy Spirit is a comforter which means a helper, He is a Spirit of truth, He dwells in us and will rest upon us and will be with us forever.

John 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" KJV

He came to help and support us, however, unless Jesus had not gone away, the Holy Spirit would not have come to us.

John 16:13-14 ".Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." KJV

Jesus is telling His disciples what the Holy Spirit will be doing for them and for us. The Holy Spirit will speak of Jesus.

John 16:15 "All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you." KJV

This scripture shows us the Trinity; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not an "it", He is a divine personality. The Holy Spirit is a teacher, He is going to

show us things to come, lead us and guide us into truth, and He will take everything that was given to Jesus and reveal it to us, the church. He is the revealer of truth.

John 14:26 ***"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."*** KJV

John 14:26 ***"But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you."*** AMP

The Holy Spirit is a teacher and will bring all things to our remembrance, things that Jesus has been telling us. However, we must be reading the Word in order for there to be something that can be brought to our remembrance. He wants to be a helper to us. He does not want to withhold things from us, the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, or revelation knowledge.

An Advocate is the one that is called to our side to help us. The Holy Spirit wants to come to our aid, come along side in any area that there might be a weakness, not necessarily physical, but areas in which wisdom is needed, counsel or direction. He is called alongside to help. He strengthens on one side and defends on the other, turns attacks back.

We must become acquainted with the Holy Spirit in order for Him to be a benefit to us. It will be a challenge for us if we have not learned of the Holy Spirit and what it is He wants to do for us.

The Holy Spirit is a divine personality with a will and emotions has fruit. He is a real person and wants to be involved in our lives.

Acts 16:6 ***"Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,"*** KJV (His will)

Eph 4:30 ***"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."*** KJV (His emotions)

Gal 5:22 ***"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,"*** KJV

The Holy Spirit is our helper, to assist us and be an aid and a support for us. A helper in the areas that we are lacking in.

Rom 8:26-27 ***"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God"*** KJV

The Holy Spirit will show us how to pray, not do the praying for us, but show us how. He makes intercession for us.

The following scripture from the Old Testament is a prophetic word regarding the Holy Spirit. The olive trees refer to the oil, that being the Holy Spirit and there is an endless supply. The

verses tell about the rebuilding of the temple and the challenge the people had, after they had come back from captivity. At first they were able to accomplish a great deal, but after a time, they lost the vision that was there in the beginning. Mountains would become molehills as the Spirit began to help them. Even in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was at work to help.

Zech 4:3-7 "And there are two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl and the other upon the left side of it [feeding it continuously with oil]. 4 So I asked the angel who talked with me, What are these, my lord 5 Then the angel who talked with me answered me, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, my lord. 6 Then he said to me, This [addition of the bowl to the candlestick, causing it to yield a ceaseless supply of oil from the olive trees] is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit [of Whom the oil is a symbol], says the Lord of hosts. 7 For who are you, O great mountain [of human obstacles]? Before Zerubbabel [who with Joshua had led the return of the exiles from Babylon and was undertaking the rebuilding of the temple, before him] you shall become a plain [a mere molehill]! And he shall bring forth the finishing gable stone [of the new temple] with loud shoutings of the people, crying, Grace, grace to it!" AMP

There is an endless supply for us of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 2:20 "But you have been anointed by [you hold a sacred appointment from, you have been given an unction from] the Holy One, and you all know [the Truth] or you know all things." AMP

1 John 2:27 "But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do]." AMP

We have unction to know the Holy Spirit; He will lead us into truth. We have an anointing, we have received when we received Jesus as our Savior, it is something we already have. We need to stir up the gift that is in us. The anointing is on the inside and the outside.

2 Cor 3:6 "Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" KJV

The law leads to death, but the spirit gives life. There has to be an anointing on teaching. There needs to be a balance in teaching the Word of God, it cannot only be one thing that is taught. If you are born again the Holy Spirit wants to teach or help you.

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Gal 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." KJV

The Holy Spirit knows what to do and when to do it, He has a will; has a mind and emotions and can be grieved, but also has fruit which is for our benefit.

Psa 92:10 *"But my horn (emblem of excessive strength and stately grace) You have exalted like that of a wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil." AMP*

Psa 92:10 *"But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil." KJV*

These verses refer to the Holy Spirit having a freshness.

We must have freshness in our lives. The children of Israel complained about the manna, but it was fresh daily. We must not be complaining, but have that freshness that the Holy Spirit brings to us because it is life.

Eph 5:18-20 *"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" KJV*

The Holy Spirit will get His emotions involved in our emotions if we will yield to Him.

As you speak grace to the mountains in you life, forget about the things that you are facing, wait for the Spirit to give you wisdom and council on how to endure and go through the problems.

The Holy Spirit is in you, turn to Him and His anointing, let the Spirit rise up in you. Stir Him Up!