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Holy Spirit #2 **Pastor Charles Mendenhall**

In John Chapters 14 -17 Jesus is preparing the disciples for His departure. He keeps telling them about the Holy Ghost and He is introducing them to him. He wanted them to become acquainted with him because the Holy Spirit is to be a friend, comfort and an aid to them. He is to help them in every area of their lives and he wanted them to become acquainted with him.

Many in the church today are afraid to talk about the Holy Spirit, but he is really needed today. He wants to work on our behalf. He is there to work on our behalf, he is our counselor, our intercessor, our advocate, he strengthens us and is our standby and most of all our helper.

Jesus wanted the disciples to grasp the truth that He was sharing with them. In the 17th chapter of John He was praying for them specifically. He not only was praying for the disciples for also for all who would come into the kingdom of God. That includes you and I.

John 14:14-16 (KJV)

¹⁴ If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

¹⁵ If ye love me, keep my commandments.

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Comforter in the Greek is Parakletos meaning, someone who comes to your aid.

John 14:14-16 (AMP)

¹⁴ [Yes] I will grant [I Myself will do for you] whatever you shall ask in My Name [as ^[a] presenting all that I Am].

¹⁵ If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—

God has specifically called the Holy Spirit to come to our side and help us. if we do not know that He is there we won't lean on Him or put a demand on the gift that is available to us.

1 John 2:20 (AMP)

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.

1 John 2:27 (AMP)

²⁷ But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [^[a] 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 ^brooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do].

We may stumble, miss the mark, or if we become disillusioned or lukewarm or fallen afar off but the Holy Spirit doesn't desert us. We may be aware of the challenges going on around us but the Holy Spirit is there waiting on us to lean upon Him and to ask His help. The anointing of God teaches us to stay hooked up, to keep dwelling in Jesus, it leads us to keep seeking Him, it will cause us to grow and mature spiritually.

Going back to verse 16 of John chapter 14 Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit would abide with them forever. He will never depart.

John 14:17-18 (KJV)

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.

The Holy Spirit will rest upon you by virtue of the new birth in Jesus Christ. He will not leave us without aid or assistance.

John 14:25-26 (KJV)

²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

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.

The Holy Spirit is the master teacher and He will bring to our remembrance what the Spirit of God or what Jesus has spoken to you.

John 15:26 (KJV)

²⁶ But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Part of the Holy Ghost's ministry is that He is always going to bring glory to Jesus.

John 16:14-15 (KJV)

¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

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

Jesus was saying that The Father has given him everything, and one of the jobs of the Holy Spirit is to take what has been given to Jesus and reveal it to us.

John 16:7-10 (KJV)

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.

⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me;

¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Verse nine is referring to those who are in the world and have not accepted Jesus because it says, "Because they believe not on me."

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV)

²¹ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Jesus is not keeping record and counting up sin against the world because he laid all the sin on Jesus and judged Jesus as if he were sin and dealt with sin. Now the only sin that is going to be judged before God is if they accepted Jesus as your personal savior or not. You would quit trying to get good enough then accept Him. We are to come to Jesus like we are. That is the one sin the world will be judged; of not accepting Jesus Christ as their personal savior.

The Holy Ghost has come to reprove, convince, and convict the world that we need to be born again.

When Jesus went away he imputed righteousness not even related to works. When we accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior we are made literally the righteousness of God through Him..

John 16:12-13 (KJV)

¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

¹³ 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.

Scholars say that John chapters 14-16 took place at the last supper. What Jesus was telling the disciples was that the Holy Spirit would come and teach them in His absence.

The Holy Spirit has been given to us to help us; One that is called alongside to be an aid and a helper. He will never leave us nor forsake us but He is going to lead and guide us into all truth and is going to be a helper to us.

In Zechariah chapter 4 the children of Israel had come back from captivity and started to rebuild the temple. After two years back from captivity they laid the foundation of the temple and then they lost their vision and so the building of the temple stops for 16 years. This is in the Old Testament and even then through the prophet He says:

Zechariah 4:6-7 (AMP)

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 ^[a] 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!

Grace is greater! Grace is greater than adversity; grace is greater than human ability and strength. Grace is God getting involved in your life and giving you the ability to do what you couldn't do in your own strength.

Grace! God's ability! The Holy Spirit is the one who comes along side to be your aid and support.

Let Him help. Ask Him to help. Yield to those inner nudging, when He quickens you.

What am I going to do with the Holy Ghost? He will strengthen you. Give you wisdom. What are you going to do with the ministry of the Holy Ghost?

Father in Jesus name I pray that you minister to these people. Reveal to them Your incredible plan and purpose. Your incredible love for them and Father, enlarge our capacity to receive the workings of the Holy Ghost in our lives. Allow us to be humble enough to receive the One who has been called to com alongside us and help us, in business, home, work, recreation, wherever. Give us special understanding. And now Holy Spirit I pray that you minister to each one of the men and women that have come today. Let them know they are special. Allow this day to be a special day for them. In Jesus name, Amen.