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The Holy Spirit Is A Guide
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The following is a continuation of the teaching of the Holy Spirit and all the different areas that He ministers to us in our daily lives. We have a position through the eyes of Jesus and the Father sees us there through the finished work of Jesus. The Bible teaches that we are seated with Him in heavenly places.

Eph 2:4-6 "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:" KJV

The Passion translation expresses this scripture a little differently; "He raised us up with Christ, the exalted one and we ascended with Him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now joined as one with Christ."

We are worthy through the love of Jesus, when Jesus was raised, we were raised.

Eph 1:19-23 "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." KJV

Where is Christ today? He is seated at the Father's right hand in heavenly places, this is where we are today and all things are under His feet making all things under our feet. Who is the body of Christ, the church and Jesus has raised us to an exalted position; He set us in a place of authority, far above all principalities and powers. This authority can be sometimes challenging to function in because of us being in our physical bodies. The Bible tells us that this earth is not our home, but that we are only passing through. Even though we are seated in heavenly places in spirit, soul and body our destination is heaven. As we journey through earth here we are going to face challenges. How do we operate in the authority that has been given to us? Anything that we do in the kingdom of God is by faith and through faith, we have been given authority in the name of Jesus. As this series has progressed we have learned the many aspects of the Holy Spirit, what he does and the importance of us staying full of the Holy Spirit, but we haven't learned that He is also our guide.

John 16:13 "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." KJV

He will show things to come whether they are things good or bad, He will forewarn us. The Holy Spirit wants to live and manifest in us while we are still on the earth, but still be in that position of authority and have blessings and safety.

Pro 20:27 "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." KJV

The candle is sometimes referred to as a lamp or light, allows the believer to understand what the Lord is doing and He begins to speak to them through the candle. Unbelievers can also have this inward witness or intuition, being able to train their senses to follow it.

When we don't follow that inward witness, we move out of that position of authority, blessing or

peace here in the earth. Many times in the inner man if something is not right we won't have peace, no green light to move ahead. In learning to develop our spirit and listen to the inward man, let the candle or light of the Lord illuminate what lies ahead for us.

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If we don't have peace on the inside, don't proceed, just stop and wait on God, timing may not be right. Many times when we have the sense that something is not right, we override the feeling that is there and things will happen. We don't know what has been prevented from happening but without stopping, the outcome may not be good. It is our choice to stop or proceed.

Examples were given of a few people who sensed that circumstances were not right, how they responded and what the outcome was follows: a man traveling from one city to another with his friend on a motorcycle late at night, sensed something not right, asked the friend to stop and wait for a while, he prayed asking forgiveness of anything that he had done wrong, then added "please spare my life", wanted to wait longer still sensing something was not right, but his friend wanted to go on, they did and just a few minutes later they collided with a deer, he survived the collision but had several injuries. Just waiting until there was peace would have prevented the accident.

There was a man who had developed his inward man more than most, while making a trip alone he stopped along the way, entered into a deserted building even though he sensed that something was not right, he overrode the feeling, went in the building at which time, someone hit him on the head and robbed him of his money. He had learned to listen, but chose to override the feeling that he had.

A woman shared how before the incident that happened, her attitude was of being terribly irritated, but she chose to override the situation and continued with her plans. She had promised to take her son and his friends, along with her little dog on an outing. She had been taught how to respond to bad attitudes but a spirit of fear had tried to attach to her and being someone who refused to operate in fear she continued but not feeling comfortable about the situation they were in. She overrode not having peace, but prayed with the children, binding anything the enemy would attempt to cause happen, like being bit by a rattlesnake. They took their walk, none of the children were hurt, but the little dog was bitten and died. She realized that because of disobedience and not listening to the Holy Spirit, she lost her dog but none of the children were hurt.

God has given us the candle, the light on the inside of us to not proceed especially when we don't have peace. God's grace is sufficient but there are many stories of others who did not listen but rather continued with their own plans and in the long run caused many problems, sometimes taking years to undo what happened as a result of being disobedient to the Holy Spirits leading. We must learn to stop and pray when we are sensing the Holy Spirit speaking to us, don't allow ourselves to be too busy. God forwarns us, He sometimes will speak to us in dreams. If we override Gods spirit working in us, we will suffer the consequences.

Job 32:8 "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." KJV

Jesus is speaking to us in the following scriptures regarding peace and tribulations in the world, but that He has overcome the world and because we are in Him, we shall have peace and confidence. Psalm 91 tells us that when we abide in Him, we will have all these things that we are

delivered from.

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." KJV

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]" AMP

If we live by natural means we will have those things listed, but if we stay in Jesus we will be overcomers because of what He has done. We are seeing bad things happening in certain markets like crops and cattle, but we must not allow ourselves to speak in the negative, God already knows what is going on, stop talking about how bad it is. Isaac sowed in the year of famine and reaped a 100 fold, start talking about Gods provision, don't limit God, He can bring blessings our way that we can't imagine. God is bigger than markets that are depressed, He wants us to prosper, He is for everyone. He has overcome the world, talk abundance, don't speak of lack.

The book of Nehemiah tells us about the challenges that he had when trying to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. He never changed his position regarding the task that he had before him. The enemy tried to entice him from his position and the job that lay before him, the enemy tries the same with us making us leave our position but don't leave your position, God wants to bless you. God makes us to set together in heavenly places with Him and Jesus.

Acts 16:4-9 "And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. 5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily. 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, 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. 8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. ' KJV

The Holy Spirit was guiding them, not allowing them to override His direction, but during a dream, with their hearts being ready, they were able to hear what the plans for them was to be. This is where the fruit is at, where the blessings are, where God wants us to be.