

## **THE ENABLER**

I'd like to share a few scriptures and a couple of thoughts about the Holy Spirit that Jesus sent to be with us and in us, but first a little background. Let's look at the scriptures.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. Luke 1.30

Jesus is born of a virgin girl named Mary. He grew, became a man and put off His deity.

Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2.6

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. Heb 2.14

Luke 3.21

Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist at the Jordan river and the Holy Spirit comes upon Him

Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

From this point on, He functioned completely under the direction of the Holy Spirit from God.

Luke 4.1

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil.

Jesus overcame, Satan's temptation in the wilderness.

Luke 4.14

And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

Many people say that Jesus did all the miracles in the 4 gospels, because He was God. He healed the sick, walked on water, turn water into wine, and raise the dead all because He was God. But the scriptures don't bear this out.

Jesus took on a body like ours, a brain like ours, emotions like ours, but He functioned in complete submission to the Holy Spirit as a man. It was the Holy Spirit's presence within Him that enabled Him to demonstrate the eternal life of God in our world.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. John 5.19

Not even His words were His own.

"For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *as to* what to say and what to speak. "I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me." John 12.49

He was aware of the source and the power of His words.

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and they are life. John 6.63

After His resurrection He spoke to His disciples and imparted the Holy Spirit to them.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. John 20.21

"But 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 go, I will send Him to you. John 16.7

"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, and you *will* testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning. John 15.26

Before Jesus ascended to heaven He promised them that they would be baptized in the Holy Spirit just as He was at the Jordan river.

The word "baptize" means to be completely submerged and overflowing.

Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1.4-8

This is the account of Jesus' last directive to His disciples, before His ascension back to the Father.

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." Mark 16.15

This is their response to His directions.

So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed. Mark 16.19

The book of Acts is the account of the many ways that Jesus' disciples continued going about manifesting the eternal life that the Holy Spirit had worked in them, without a Bible, without a building, without seminary degrees, without denominational doctrines, and without the internet.

They reached the entire known world by hearing the Holy Spirit's voice, doing what He said, going where He said to go, and allowing Him to accomplish through them the Father's will to redeem all men back into the Father's family.

The Apostle Paul explained to the Corinthian believers that God has left all of His children here on the earth to continue to manifest His life to the entire world.

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12.12-27

Before I close, I'd like to share just a few more scriptures that show how the Holy Spirit transforms and empowers us to become what God originally created us to be.

But just a few thoughts before I do.

Jesus said that He would send us a helper. In our day and age we have skilled craftsmen, such as bricklayers, electricians, and carpenters. When we use the term helper, it usually means an unskilled person who carries the bricks and mixes the mortar, who pulls the electrical cables, and sweeps up the sawdust.

Today many Christians don't realize that the Gospel of the Kingdom, that Jesus preached is spiritual and totally supernatural and God is the only one who can do it. Many are content to continually listen to an academic gospel void of the power of God.

I knew of an evangelist who used to collect old out of print Bibles. He found one that translated the word "helper" as "the enabler". It seems to me that this is a more accurate description.

I hope these next scriptures will confirm that the Holy Spirit is so much more than an unimportant lacky helper.

He's the supernatural and indispensable power of God that empowered Jesus and has been sent to empower all of God's children to demonstrate God's Kingdom in our world.

He is the power of God to accomplish the Father's purpose of filling His children with His eternal life and redeeming them back into His family. Without Him, Christianity becomes just one of the 6,000 religions on the planet.

Let's look at a few more scriptures.

**Romans 8.15**

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption to sonship, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. And if we are children, then we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

**Ephesians 3.17**

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

**Corinthians 6.17**

But he who unites himself with the Lord is one spirit with Him.

**Ephesians 1.13amp**

In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (the Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit. That [Spirit] is the guarantee of our inheritance [the firstfruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage], in anticipation of its full redemption *and* our acquiring [complete] possession of it—to the praise of His glory.

**John 16.14amp**

He will honor *and* glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you. Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

**1 Corinthian 2.9+10**

"Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of Man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him." For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

### 2 Cor 3.2-6

You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men, being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts. Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

### Galatians 4.6

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

### Romans 8.1

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

### Ephesians 3.16amp

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened *and* reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality]. May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love *and* founded securely on love,

That you may have the power *and* be strong to apprehend *and* grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!]

It should be obvious to us from these scriptures that God's Holy Spirit is the only one who could accomplish these things in us.

He's not just the Helper, who we try to use to fix our circumstances and help our flesh struggle to act more like Jesus. He's the enabler, who dwells in us and transforms us into the temples that He, Jesus, and the Father can permanently dwell in and express the Kingdom of God with authority and power. John 14.16-23

Let's not settle for a powerless academic Gospel and a comfortable church experience. Let's be filled with the Holy Spirit and become one of the many sons and daughters that the Father intends to be the Ambassadors of His Kingdom to this entire world.

God bless you.

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