



“The Holy Spirit”

John 14 is part of the Upper Room Discourse with our Lord Jesus' last teachings on the eve of His rejection and crucifixion. This passage contains the comforting promise of the Father's house of many mansions, with room for each who have come to believe that He is the Christ, the Son of God (Jn 20:30, 31). As comforting as that may be, it is this same chapter where our Lord invoked fear and concern with the news that, "I go away... I go unto the Father" (Jn14:28). The Lord knew the approaching dawn would fill their lives with fear and despair. He acknowledged their pain with, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (Jn 14:27), then to help them through the moment he reassured them he would, "pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that may abide with you forever" (Jn14:16).

That Comforter, translated from the Greek word *Parakletos*, is also understood as a Helper, an Advocate, or a Counselor. This suggests that the Holy Spirit's ministry is multifaceted, involving not just guidance but also encouragement and support. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit is described as "another" Helper, indicating that His presence would be a continuation of our Lord's earthly ministry, offering the same kind of guidance, but better as a spiritual and universal form.

The Lord explains further with verse 17 identifying Holy Spirit as the "Spirit of truth" highlighting the Holy Spirit's role in leading believers into all truth, helping them to understand and remember Jesus' teachings. Verses 18-20, focus on the relationship between Jesus, the Father, and the believers, mediated by the Holy Spirit. Jesus assures His disciples that they will not be left as orphans; the Holy Spirit will make the Lord's presence real to them even after His physical departure. This intimate connection is further elaborated in verse 20, where our Lord speaks of the mutual indwelling of the Father, the Son, and the believers, made possible through the Holy Spirit.

Finally verse 27 links the coming of the Holy Spirit as His direct gift of peace. The peace our Lord offers is not worldly, but is a deep, abiding peace that comes from knowing and trusting in God's through the Holy Spirit. This summer at WABC we've had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of three Christian brothers. In similar fashion manner each professed their faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God as the solution for forgiveness and to end their separation from God. Their moment of baptism was not only the "outward symbol of their inward conversion," but also proof the Holy Spirit is working all around us. The Spirit of Truth is constantly shining the light of the Gospel into the souls of men drawing them to the Lord where they will find everlasting peace. Such peace as the Holy Spirit drives away all trouble and fear. "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (Jn 14:27).

By Senior Pastor, Toby Cambron



My Path to Salvation in Christ Jesus and Eternal Life by Mark F Miller

I was raised by parents of Roman Catholic faith. My Father was a faithful follower of Christ and the church, but never hid the weakness and failures of the Roman Catholic church. My Mother's faith was hidden and neglected because of long term alcohol "addiction". Dad was driven to provide for us and quietly prayed for my mother to leave the priority that controlled her life.

I received an excellent education in the Catholic schools through the ninth grade, upon finishing my studies in the public school system. Nevertheless, I always considered myself to be a Roman Catholic because of everything that was incorporated within my experience, including the training to practice the Sacraments and to follow Catholic doctrines.

I had never sensed any spiritual emptiness until I encountered a young man who was shortly leaving the US Navy at the same time I was arriving to board ship. He spoke of Christ, the cross, and salvation which was in Jesus *only*. That was all good, but there was more to it than I knew. A year had passed now, adjusting to Military life, advancing in rank, positions, and finding new opportunities in administration. One young man, like myself, was there since we were in the last *draft* of the Vietnam war. God had him there to study and return home to become a Pastor in eastern Tennessee. With God's Word, "a Big 'red' 10# Bible", soft spoken David Mills dismantled my foundations of faith through the revealing of Jesus, His finished work, and an invitation into the family of God.

Time passed, and while ashore in Barcelona, Spain in a four dollar room, I knelt by a steel box mattress, and my words went like this. "Lord God...., I need you to change my life". The next day I found fellowship with a group of men that were on fire for the Lord. It was The Independence Christian Fellowship where I learned to love worship, the singing of hymns, and liking/loving them. Yes, many favorites! And then the preaching, memorizing of God's Word, and the witnessing. I went up and down the passages and the bilges also. We had 5,000 men total, with the air wing attached. Where were they going to go? And the church grew every year too! We never lacked having a man step forward to preach; men to teach, men to disciple, or men to have good fellowship within the Lord Jesus Christ.

Well, I did find my way to the altar and eventually baptism as an adult believer. However, I never thought that out of the depth of my person/pride that I would ever say, "Lord God..... I need You to change me".

But joyfully.....He is waitingJohn 10:9,10,11

22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-25



Are you walking in the spirit? (Galatians 5:25)

The first part of verse 25 says, "if we live in the spirit", then scripture tells us that when we finally recognize our need for Jesus Christ in our life, as brother Mark testified in the article above, the Holy Spirit dwells within us. (1 Cor 6:19-20). Just as God is omnipresent, as believers we have the holy spirit with us always, who guides us, is changing us day by day, and assists us in prayer. We are to submit to the will of God and "walk in the spirit" (Gal 5:25b).

Walking in the spirit certainly does not come easy in this evil world. So, Paul explains in verses 22-23 what the results of the presence of the holy spirit in the life of a believer should be. Verse 24 reminds us that our flesh was crucified with Christ (Gal 2:20), therefore, we no longer desire the old sinful nature we once had.

The Christian life is a battle of our sinful nature against the new nature given to us by Christ (2 Cor 5:17). But the holy spirit is with us producing His fruit in us changing us into the image of Christ. The fruit of the spirit is what God desires our lives to display, so may we apply Galatians 5:25 and live in the spirit as we also walk in the spirit.

Editor, Nancy Mitchell

Baptisms



Praying and Laying Hands



Associate Pastor Tim Connell's

ORDINATION

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Coming Soon!



**Hamilton Road in Concert at
Westphal Ave Baptist Church
Neighborhood Block Party
Saturday, September 28th
4:00-7:00pm**

**Westphal Avenue Baptist Church
will Celebrate 80 Years
of Spreading the Gospel!**

Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19 nkj

On November 2-3, 2024 our church will celebrate 80 years of spreading the *Good News* of Jesus Christ. Read the history of the church at westphalbaptist.org/history.

Saturday, November 2nd at 6:00pm
Dinner and Gloryway
"love offering will be collected"

Sunday, November 3rd at 10:30am
Testimonies of the Church
before Worship Service

Come fellowship and worship together as we celebrate what God has done through His people at Westphal Avenue Baptist Church. Please send a RSVP for Saturday to Pastor Toby at 614-313-5881.

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Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



CHURCH FALL EVENTS

September 1, 2024

Missionary Calvin Houser to Philippines
Labor Day Picnic at Pastor Toby's

September 28, 2024

Neighborhood Block Party
Music: Hamilton Rd Quartet

October 6, 2024

Annual Church Picnic

October 20, 2024

New Member Sunday

November 2-3, 2024

Church 80th Anniversary
Music: Gloryway

November 10, 2024

Veterans Appreciation Sunday

November 17, 2024

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

November 28, 2024

Church Thanksgiving Dinner

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Service Times

Sunday

Adult Bible Class.....9:30am

Morning Worship Service.....10:30am

Facebook Live Morning Worship.....10:30am

Wednesday

Morning Prayer.....11:00am

Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study.....6:45pm

Mission of Faith (PK-6th Grade).....6:45pm

Teen Footsteps Discipleship.....6:45pm

Thursday

Women of Warfare Bible Study.....2:45pm

Saturday (2nd of each month)

Men's and Women's Bible Studies.....9:30am

Share with others how God has changed your life!

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