



Open Arms Evangelistic Ministries



Reaching the World Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ

The Holy Spirit

Matthew 22:16 – “And they (Pharisees) sent their disciples to Him along with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that You are sincere and what You profess to be and that You teach the way of God truthfully, regardless of consequences and being afraid of no man; for You are impartial and do not regard either the person or the position of anyone.”

Even the religious community quickly realized that Jesus was the greatest of all teachers. Many references made of Jesus as Master are actually translated “Teacher.” Who could teach us better than God? When Jesus finished His work on earth, He ascended back to the Father, to sit as His right hand, interceding for each of us who follow Him. The Father then sent the Holy Spirit as is stated in 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.”

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God in Christ actively working in the Believer. The Scriptures say He will teach us not just some things but all things. Before we cover how the Holy Spirit teaches us, let’s go to 1 John 2:27 to get the foundation for this teaching. “But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him (Holy Spirit) abides (permanently) in you; so then you have no need that anyone shall 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).”

Is there a contradiction here when it comes to institutions of learning? By all means, no. We do not need men who thing on a humanistic level to teach us. We need holy men and women of God who are filled with the Holy Spirit of God and His anointing. Please note Ephesians 4:11-12. “And He (Jesus by the Holy Spirit) gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:” The Amplified Bible makes it clearer by saying, “And His (Holy Spirit) gifts were varied (He Himself appointed and gave men to us).” The Holy Spirit teaches us through His anointing, so let’s look at how this anointing flows.

I. Personal Bible Study

The anointing of the Holy Spirit gives us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. James 1:5 says, “If any man lack wisdom, let him ask God; that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” It is God’s desire that we be wise. God’s mysteries are not for the world to know but for His children. God will not withhold information from us that would help us grow. But with wisdom comes responsibility. Obedience to God’s Word brings wisdom to all who invest the time to receive it. We must commit ourselves to the Holy Word of God and its direction. As we open the Word, it will open us to greater things of God.

II. Trials, Testings, and Temptations

James 1:2-3 says, “My brethren, count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.” We are going to go through some things to get to where God has destined us to be. Trials build character. Testing of our character brings patience. Temptations build strength of spirit and soul. These things are for our growth. No one said that it would be easy but rewarding if one endures. It is only through

the Holy Spirit's anointing that we are able to overcome our trials, tests, and temptations. In our own strength, we would most always fail.

III. By Example of Others

A very wise person is one who often learns from the mistakes of others as well as good points. We all go through about the same things, just at different times. Our greatest example was Jesus. I Peter 2:21 says, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:" Jesus has shown us the Way to God, and the Holy Spirit will help us follow that Way. The anointing of the Holy Spirit will make us observant to the things around us so that we will be ever learning and leaning on Him.

IV. The Five Fold Ministry

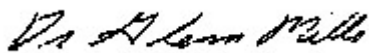
The Holy Spirit teaches us much through Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. Much Holy Spirit revelation comes through these God-ordained offices. Not everyone is called into the Five-Fold, but everyone is called to operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit's anointing. We all have gifts and talents that will build up the Body of Christ. By serving and loving one another, we are serving and loving Jesus.

V. Schools, Books, Tapes, etc.

In II Kings 6:1-7, the sons of the prophets were students of Elisha. These "home missionaries" were being trained by Elisha to take God's Word to the people. Synagogues were places of prayer, worship, and learning. The Bible gives many references to "teaching" the Word to our children and others. Our main book should always be the Bible. Other books by the Holy Spirit filled authors supporting the thoughts, ideals, and teachings of God's Word can also be very helpful. The Holy Spirit will teach and reveal to us what is holy and right and what is not.

The Holy Spirit helps us to "test the spirits" so as not to be deceived. The World rewards the hunger for worldly wisdom by way of worldly promotion.. God also rewards the hunger for Godly wisdom by way of promotion in all areas of our lives. Those who criticize education and degrees are often those not willing to invest the time or energy to obtain it themselves. It is easier to shun Godly education than to work for it.

The Holy Spirit will teach us Himself and through all things we just looked at. The key is that teaching may come through men, but by the Holy Spirit's anointing.



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