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THE HOLY SPIRIT. PART 1

Where is the Holy Spirit?

- Everywhere around us. [Ps 139:7-8 “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.”]
- Inside the born-again Christian. [1 Corin 6:19 “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?”]

How does the Spirit help us?

What is the role / function of the Holy Spirit?

John 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate (Helper. Comforter) to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

- He provides help and comfort.

John 14:26

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

- He teaches us.
- He reminds us of the words of Jesus.
- He is our legal advisor.

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- He guides us into all the truth. (through the Word/inner peace)
- He speaks to us what He hears from God.
- He tells us what is yet to come.

Romans 8:15-16

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

- He confirms our sonship.

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- He gives us peace and joy.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

- He helps us to abound in hope.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

- Freedom = Greek “*Eleutheria*” - liberty, especially a state of freedom from slavery.

- Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Freedom from: slavery to sin, addictions, harmful habits, demonic oppression, worldly patterns & mindsets, pain, guilt, inferiority, hopelessness etc etc!

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

- He gives me power to witness.

Matthew 10:19-20

But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, 20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Galatians 5:16

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Discussion Questions:

- Which specific function of the Holy Spirit is helpful to you?
- How is the Holy Spirit involved in your normal day?
- In which function of the Holy Spirit would you like to grow in knowledge and experience? How will you do that?
- How can you practically make the Holy Spirit more a part of your life and decision-making?
- Pray for friends, family, the church, South Africa & the world.