

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 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. – John 14:16,26

Jesus Promises a Comforter

Our Savior Jesus was gathered with His disciples not long before He was to be put to death on the cross. There He explained to them that soon the time would come for Him to go to heaven. As Jesus spoke, He gave the promise of the Holy Ghost to His disciples, as well as to each person today traveling as His disciple, as a child of God. Through this Spirit that we've been given, we know that we dwell in God and He dwells in us, as John writes in his epistle: "Hereby know that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit." (1 John 4:13)

The Holy Spirit Teaches

As Jesus explained, the Holy Ghost was to be that teacher to teach all things to God's children, as well as remind of those things of which Jesus taught while here on earth. This Holy Spirit dwells within each child of God as a gift, given and promised by the Lord Jesus.

In the life of a believer in the midst of a rapidly developing world, questions may arise relating to matters of our time. When questions arise regarding matters that pertain to living faith, child of God wishes to discuss these questions with fellow believers and in God's congregation. Society would teach us to make these decisions on our own, but when these matters are discussed in the light of God's Word, God's spirit teaches and instructs. Scriptures teach us that that which is revealed in the light of the Spirit is the truth. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." (John 16:13)

Faith or Reason

As humans we carry a fleshly portion. We are reminded to walk in the Spirit so the lusts of our flesh wouldn't be fulfilled. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." (Gal. 5:16) The Scriptures also explain how a person cannot understand or receive the things of God: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor. 2:14)

When seeking answers to questions in our lives, we so easily try to answer these questions with our own reason and in a way that seems logical. As we read in Corinthians, matters of faith are not possible to understand with the human mind. God's Word may not say anything specific about a timely matter that might be discussed among God's children, such as improper use of the Internet, worldly music, etc. For this reason the enemy would like to bring doubts to a believer and cause him or her to question the instruction received through the Holy Spirit in God's kingdom.

The child of God has been given a great gift—the Comforter. We don't need to burden ourselves with these questions but can put our complete trust in god. As little children being instructed by their mother, we can be instructed in the congregation through the Holy Spirit. When we are asked "why," we can trust in God's teaching and strive to battle against those doubts that may come. May the prayer of our hearts be that we would be able to continue in obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and that our hearts would remain humble so that we wouldn't begin to question the understandings that have been revealed to us.

"I Go to Prepare a Place for You"

God's children experience doubts and many times are deceived by the enemy and fall into sin. We have such a great gift in the gospel of forgiveness, where again and again, we can turn to a brother or sister in

faith and ask that this saving gospel be preached to us. We are comforted in knowing that the Lord Jesus has gone before us to prepare a place for His own there in the Father's home in heaven. "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2) Every person who believes in this saving gospel will inherit eternal life where faith will be changed into seeing.

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