

INSIGHTS

THE HELP *of the* HOLY SPIRIT

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FOR OVER THREE AND A HALF YEARS JESUS' DISCIPLES HEARD HIM TEACH ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD, WATCHED HIM PERFORM MIRACLES, CAST OUT DEMONS, AND CHALLENGE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN ISRAEL. ▶

They not only had access to Him but also participated in His ministry.

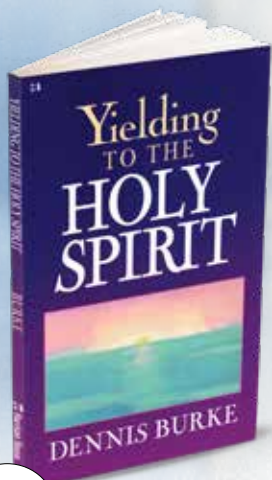
In His last teaching from the gospel of John, Jesus said something so shocking that He reminded them that what He was saying was the truth.

“Nevertheless 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 depart, I will send Him to you” (John 16:7 NKJV).

He referred to the Holy Spirit as the Helper Who was about to enter a new role towards humanity. In a very real way the Holy Spirit was about to take on flesh.

EXPLORE MORE:

Embrace the Holy Spirit's guidance and watch Him bring renewal, fruitfulness, and deeper intimacy with God.



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WE KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AGAINST ANYTHING THAT STEALS, KILLS, OR DESTROYS OUR LIVES.

YET, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE AGAINST IT AS WELL.”

Like Jesus, the Holy Spirit would also take on flesh as He entered men and women who would be born of the Spirit.

Jesus calls Him the Helper. This word could also be translated comforter, advocate, and strengthener. *The Passion Translation* reads, “Divine Encourager.” Each of these ideas shed light on the many facets of the help He provides us.

“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged” (John 16:8-11 NKJV).

The Holy Spirit comes to convince, convict, or even reprove people about what they believe. What we believe about these three issues is vital to everything about life as a believer.

- **SIN** — we know Jesus has conquered sin. Believing that sin has been totally defeated by Jesus means we have been liberated from everything

that imprisoned us in the nature of sin. We have been given a new nature. We are no longer sinners but are born into a new family, the family of faith as children of God by the new birth. Faith in His finished work has made us free.

- **RIGHTEOUSNESS** — Jesus took the sacrifice of His own blood and placed it on the mercy seat of Heaven.

The Father sees us through the lens of this mercy given to every person by His living sacrifice. Now, by faith in Him we have received His righteousness. We are made a new creation in Christ. He took our unrighteousness and we have been made His righteousness. When we receive Jesus as Lord we exchange our unrighteousness for His right-standing. In the eyes of our Father, we are cleansed and in right-standing just as Jesus is.

- **JUDGMENT** — the ruler of this world, Satan, has been judged. His authority has been stripped away. We have been given authority over all of the works of Satan.

In Christ, we are free from sin, made right and righteous, and given the authority of Jesus name to drive out and destroy the works of Satan from every aspect of our lives.

It is the work of the Holy Spirit within to empower us and encourage us to stand strong in all He has come to reveal.

In Romans the Apostle Paul gives deep insight as to how the Holy Spirit brings His power.

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered” (Romans 8:26 NKJV).

He helps our weaknesses, which includes infirmities, sickness, depression, emotional trouble, traumas, and spiritual oppression.

In this verse, the word “helps” is different from the word used by John. The original word in Romans is a compound of three different words. It is as if God brought these three concepts together to give us a deeper grasp of how His help comes.

The first compound word

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means to be harmonious or united. He comes to join with us in our lack or weakness. This also means we must join ourselves with Him in agreement with His work to strengthen us. We speak His Word and must not speak anything contrary.

The next aspect of this word is to seize, grasping tight and refusing to let go. The Holy Spirit takes a firm hold of us. We can be confident that He does not leave us to just work out our problems the best we can. He has us in His hands. It also means we are not letting go. We take a firm grip on Him expecting His help.

The final aspect of this

word is to be vehemently against something. We know the Holy Spirit is against anything that steals, kills, or destroys our lives. Yet, it is vitally important that we are against it as well. We are not excusing our weaknesses, blaming someone else, justifying it as being "just the way I am," or learning to live with it. No! We must be against the weaknesses. They are not to be tolerated, justified, or excused.

Joining with the Holy Spirit means we can pray in the Spirit beyond the limits of what we know or understand. He dwells within to help us to pray in a

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Heavenly language, praying perfect prayers even when we don't know what to pray. Praying in tongues opens us to receive light, insight, wisdom, and guidance beyond our natural limitations or way of thinking.

He makes intercession for us. He joins with us in whatever ditch we are in. He doesn't scold or shame us but falls in with us in our weakness to encourage and lift us out onto high ground.

Isaiah adds this: "But those who entwine their hearts with YAHWEH will experience divine strength. They will rise up on soaring wings and fly like eagles, run their races without growing weary, and walk through life without giving up" (Isaiah 40:31 TPT).

It is the work of the Holy Spirit to guide you into the high places that have already been prepared and provided. He has come to take you by the hand guiding you to avoid snares and pitfalls. He will lead you, lift you, strengthen you, encourage you,

and show you how to live your best life.

Prepare yourself — get ready. The Holy Spirit is taking what Christ has done for you and making it a reality. He has come to help. Your help is not just on the way. Help is here!

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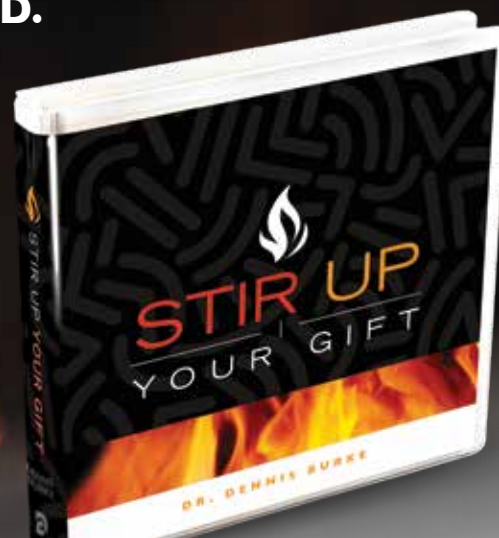
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