

The Holy Spirit - Our Helper, Healer, and Deliverer!

Isaiah 61:1-3 AMP THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the physical and spiritual captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound, (2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord the year of His favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, [3] To grant consolation and joy to those who mourn in Zion--to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment expressive of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit--that they may be called oaks of righteousness lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.

Notice in these verses what happens when the Holy Spirit comes upon us. Liberty and freedom come! When the Spirit of the Lord is allowed to operate, we see freedom and healing every time. The Holy Spirit has been given to us as a gift. He is the third part of the Godhead. He changes things through His power. When things are not right, if the Holy Ghost shows up, He is better than Superman. His mission is to fill believers so that they can perform the duties and acts that God asked them to do. He basically does not just do things on His own. He is the helper, He assists the Church. He empowers them to do things that they can't do on their own.

Acts 1:8 KJV But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

About 30 years ago, I started studying the Holy Spirit. The more I saw His person in the Bible and allowed Him to fill my life, the more things started changing for the good. I've watched Him perform wonderful healings and deliverances since that day. Part of the reason Christians fail to accomplish what God asked them to accomplish is they leave out the Person that will cause them to succeed, I'm talking about the Holy Spirit.

Today I want to encourage you to study the Holy Spirit in your Bible. Go to your concordance and find all the references to the Holy Spirit. As you study Him, you will start experiencing His presence. You will hear His voice prompting you to step out and do things that are extraordinary.

Now before we end this newsletter, let me talk to you about the Holy Spirit being a person. How awesome and how wonderful is the Holy Spirit! He has abilities that go beyond any human being's comprehension. There's no comparison between His abilities and that of a human, but let me talk to you about one person's ability that we know - Henry Ford. He was a man that had big dreams. He saw mankind driving cars all across America. He believed he could mass-produce these automobiles and change the very way of life for the American people. Sure enough it happened. Our country, America, has inspired the nations of the world with our manufacturing capabilities. They

say Henry Ford is one of the first people that caused this way of thinking to transpire. If Henry Ford could dream big and accomplish these magnificent things, what could a person do that is filled with the Holy Spirit?

Remember the Holy Spirit is limitless! If we look at Jesus' earthly ministry and watch all of the supernatural things He did, we see it all happened because He was filled with His Father's Holy Spirit. As born-again Christians, we have that same Holy Spirit in us; and we can do greater things than we can imagine or think, if we focus on the One that is all powerful - the Holy Spirit. Through our faith and prayers, the Holy Spirit will manifest His power to heal and help those that are bound. Thank you for joining with me in prayer tonight for our Church services tomorrow.

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Love you,
Pastor Paul