

“OUR DIVINE HELPER”

Text: John 14:16-18, 26; 15:26; 16:6 & 7
Subject: “Help Is On The Way”

Introduction

(There Were 3 Great Annual Jewish Festivals)

- #1. **Feast of Passover:** Celebrating the deliverance of Israel from Egypt and the preservation from the last plague.
- #2. **Feast of Tabernacles:** When Israel lived in booths to commemorate God’s care during the journey from Egypt to Canaan.
- #3. **Feast of Pentecost:** Also called the feast of weeks, celebrated 50 days after Passover. It was a day observed, concluding the harvest of latter grains, a day when the first loaves were made from the new grain. **It was on this day of Pentecost that Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit.** (The day the church was born)

(The Question From John Is:)

- ◆ Who is the other comforter?
- ◆ What does the comforter do?
- ◆ Why did Jesus have to ascend back to heaven?
- ◆ How did Jesus pour out His Spirit on believers?
- ◆ Why is the baptism in the Spirit such a blessing?
- ◆ And how can you be baptized in the Spirit and live full of the Spirit today, (right where God finds you)?

(Discover With Me...)

I. The “Expectation” Of Pentecost

Question: Why did Jesus teach us about the Holy Spirit in John 14, 15 & 16?

Answer: Because Jesus knew what His disciples needed then (and what we need now).

- ◆ In John 14, Jesus said, “I’m leaving you to go prepare a place called heaven” (v. 2) (Can you hear them thinking, “**You’re going to leave us?**”)
- ◆ In John 15, Jesus said, “If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you” (v. 20) (Can you hear them thinking, “**We’re going to go through the fire?**”)
- ◆ In John 16, Jesus said, “Sorrow has filled your heart” (v. 6) (Can you hear them thinking, “**Who’s going to help us when you’re gone?**”)

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Jesus knows what the disciples are thinking,
- ◆ Jesus knows what the disciples are needing,
- ◆ Jesus knows what the disciples are in for.

So Jesus fills their heart (and ours) with expectation:

Question: What does Jesus teach us all to expect?

Answer: He teaches us to expect to receive the fullness of the Spirit (The Comforter **will come**).

(Notice John 14:16)

“I will pray the Father, and He shall give you **another** Comforter”.

(Notice John 14:17)

“...For He dwelleth with you and shall be in you”

(Notice John 14:18)

“I will not leave you **comfortless**, I will come to you”

#1. What is this **comforter** Jesus is talking about?

- ◆ The word “Comforter” means “**One called along side to help**”.
- ◆ The word “**comforter**” is used 5 times in the New Testament and means:
 1. One who comforts and assists.
 2. One who teaches and intercedes.
 3. One who enables to do God’s will.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ The **comforter** is a friend who comes to help a friend in distress.
- ◆ The **comforter** is an army officer who comes to help a discouraged soldier.
- ◆ The **comforter** is a lawyer who comes to defend one accused.
- ◆ The **comforter** is a counselor to teach you what you need to understand.

(Notice John 14:16 – “Another Comforter”)

- ◆ The word “**Another**” means – “One like Myself who will take my place and do my work”.

Question: Why is this so important to us?

Answer: Because Jesus said in John 16:7, “It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you”.

- ◆ The word “**Expedient**” means – “It’s to your advantage”.

Question: Why is it to our advantage?

Answer: Because while on earth, Jesus could be bodily present in only one place at a time.

(But Now)

- ◆ The Holy Spirit can be in all places, filling all believers, and drawing all sinners to Himself!

(It’s Jesus Putting *Expectation* In our Hearts)

- ◆ So much so, that in John 14:18, Jesus says, “I will not leave you **comfortless**, I will come to you”.
- ◆ The word for “**Comfortless**” (**ORPHANOUS**) means “To be orphaned” or “Without parental help”.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Jesus was coming in the power of the Holy Spirit, so you would not be left to struggle through life alone!

(In Other Words Disciples)

- ◆ **Expect** one called along side to help you.
- ◆ **Expect** another *Comforter* just like Myself.
- ◆ **Expect** the Holy Spirit to fill you, baptize you and guide you into all truth.
- ◆ **Expect** to be Spirit filled after I go to My Father.

Question: What happens after Jesus fills the heart with expectation?

II. The "Experience" Of Pentecost

Question: Pastor, does Jesus want me to experience Pentecost and live the Spirit filled life?

Answer: Hear it with your heart:

- ◆ In **Matthew 3:11**, "I indeed baptize you with water, but Jesus will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire".
- ◆ In **Mark 1:8**, "I baptize you with water, but Jesus shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit".
- ◆ In **Luke 24:49**, "I send the promise of My Father upon you, but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high".
- ◆ In **John 7:37-39**, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. He that believes on Me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. This spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him **should receive**".
- ◆ In **Acts 1:4** (Jesus said) "Wait for the promise of the Father...for you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days hence".
- ◆ In **Acts 2:38**, (Peter said) "Repent and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the promise is unto you, your children and to all that are afar off".

Question: Pastor, is the outpouring of the Spirit for everyone who is saved?

- #1. In **Acts 2:4**, (120 on the day of Pentecost) were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues).
- #2. In **Acts 8:17**, (The Samaria believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues).
- #3. In **Acts 9:17**, (Ananias laid hands on Paul and Paul was baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues). (I Corinthians 14:18)
- #4. In **Acts 10:44-48**, (The Gentiles at Cornelius' house were baptized in the Holy Spirit, spoke in tongues and magnified God).
- #5. In **Acts 19:6**, (The disciples in Ephesus were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues).

(This Is 5 Different Occasions Over A 30 Year Period)

Question: Pastor, what is this Holy Spirit Baptism?

Answer: It is not a great knowledge of the Bible.

It is not enthusiasm or personality.

It is not talent or natural ability.

(This Baptism In The Holy Spirit Is:)

- ◆ You and me being clothed with the Spirit of God.
- ◆ It is you and me being energized for service in God's Kingdom.
- ◆ It is not a goal (but a gateway into spirit-filled **living**, and **praying**, and **service**).

Question: Why is it so important?

Answer: Because it is a precious gift from God that God wants all to receive.

- ◆ Acts 2:4, "They were **all** filled with the Spirit and began to speak with other tongues".
- ◆ Acts 10:46, "The Holy Spirit fell on **all** who heard the Word".
- ◆ Acts 19:7, "**All** twelve were filled with the Spirit and spake with tongues".
- ◆ I Corinthians 14:5, "I would that you **all** spoke in tongues".
- ◆ Acts 2:39, "For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to **all** that are afar off".

(It Is Clear In Scripture)

- #1. That the Baptism In The Holy Spirit is not a goal to be reached, but a gateway that leads to spiritual ministry.
- #2. The Baptism In The Holy Spirit gives the believer his or Her "Prayer Language" to use daily in personal prayer.
- #3. The Baptism In The Holy Spirit opens the door for God to use you (if He chooses) in the gift of tongues in a public service.
- #4. It is the will of God that every believer seek the Lord and ask Jesus to fill them, baptize them and endue them with power from on high.

III. The "Evidence" Of Pentecost

Question: How many of you want God to pour out His Spirit on all flesh (us) – to bring lost people into the kingdom?

◆ The Holy Spirit is represented as being poured out upon God's people in Scripture:

- #1. (Isaiah 44:3), "I will pour water upon the thirsty".
- #2. (Joel 2:28), "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh".
- #3. (Zechariah 12:10), "I will pour upon the house of David the Spirit of grace and supplication".
- #4. (Acts 10:45), "On the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit".

Question: What does Acts 1:8 mean: "You will receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you and you shall be witnesses"?

Answer: This power is the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit in your life. (repeat)

(Power In Every Day Living)

#1. You'll have power in Communication:

(I Corinthians 14:2) "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God".

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Praying in tongues in your private devotions is speaking directly to God.
- ◆ It is communication in your born again spirit with the Lord.
- ◆ It allows you to be less restricted in your praying.
- ◆ You can pour out your heart to God from your innermost spirit in prayer.

#2. You'll have power in Edification:

(I Corinthians 14:4) "He that prays in an unknown tongue edifies himself"

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Spirit filled praying edifies or builds up your inner man.
- ◆ Spirit filled praying refreshes and renews your spirit man.

#3. You'll have power in Supplication:

(Romans 8:26, 27) "Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities: For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: But the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God".

(What Does It Mean)? It Means That...

- #1...The Holy Spirit is our helper in prayer.
- #2...He knows what the mind of God is.
- #3...He enables us to pray apart from our natural ability. (In the will of God)

Fact: This is the glorious result of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

- ◆ We receive a new prayer language to communicate directly with God.
- ◆ We can then pray effectively (with power) even when our natural mind doesn't know what to pray for.

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”. (Ephesians 6:18)

Question: How is prayer to be offered?

Answer: “In the Spirit”

Question: What does it mean to “Pray in the Spirit”?

Answer: It means to pray:

- #1. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit.
- #2. With the assistance of the Holy Spirit.
- #3. Energized by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#4. You'll have power in **Identification:**

(I Corinthians 14:22), “Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not”.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Speaking in tongues (praying in the Spirit) is a sign (or identification) that God is in the midst of His people.
- ◆ God uses this sign to direct unbelievers to Himself for salvation.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Genuine spiritual gifts in operation draw people to Jesus.

(George Wood Writes)

“The purpose of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is to so overwhelm you with the presence of God that you will no longer dwell on your own weaknesses and inadequacies, but instead be filled with assurance and boldness”. (Pg. 82 of “Questions And Answers About The Holy Spirit)

Conclusion

(How do I receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?)

- #1. Understand it is a gift from God. (not earned)
- #2. Be fully persuaded that you can receive. (Have faith in God)
- #3. Open your heart with praise and adoration to God. (Reach out in earnest prayer)
- #4. Yield to any deep “Welling up” within your spirit and allow the Holy Spirit to flow out of you in expressions of worship and prayer in a language unknown to you but meaningful to God.

AMEN!

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