

# Why We Need...

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## God The Spirit

(Ro 8:1-9)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
  - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lesson on “Why We Need...”
  - a. Last week we looked at “Why We Need God The Son.”
    - i. We notice how He is our Mediator and Mentor.
      1. **He 12:2** “looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”
  - b. This week we will be examining “Why We Need God The Spirit.”<sup>1</sup>
    - i. **Ro 8:1-2, 8-9** “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death...8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.”
3. After the last two sermons there should be no doubt about how much we “NEED” God the Father and God the Son.
  - a. However in the brotherhood I think there has become a feeling that God the Spirit is “less involved” than the other two personalities of the Godhead.
    - i. This could be because the outright abuse denominationalism has perpetuated in false doctrine concerning the Holy Spirit.
    - ii. This could be because of all the “mystery” surrounding the Holy Spirit people suppose to be the case.
  - b. Whatever the reason people in the brotherhood seem to think they “NEED” the Holy Spirit much less than God the Father and God the Son.
4. Today let us examine and see if how much we truly do “NEED” God the Spirit.
  - I. **We Need Him Because He Was Promised To Us**
    - A. He was promised by Jesus
      1. **Jn 7:37-39** “On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ” 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

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<sup>1</sup> All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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- B. He was promised by Peter
  - 1. **Ac 2:38-39** “And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”
- C. He was promised by Paul
  - 1. **Ga 4:6** “And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts...”
  - 2. **Ro 8:14-16** “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God”
- D. Thus...
  - 1. If God promised the Holy Spirit to us He obviously knew we needed Him. Thus we need the Holy Spirit.

## II. We Need Him Because Of His Works

- A. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment
  - 1. **Jn 16:7-11** “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 go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”
    - i. Conviction of sin.
      - a. “The Spirit convicts of sin, revealing man's fallen estate and bondage to Satan, and showing his total helplessness to achieve through his own efforts any healing of his condition.” (from Coffman's Bible Commentary, Copyright © 1971-1993 by ACU Press, Abilene Christian University. All rights reserved.)
    - ii. Conviction of righteousness.
      - a. “The Spirit also convicts of righteousness by revealing the mystery of how a man may acquire a righteousness not his own, that being the righteousness of Christ, available to all who receive and obey the gospel, thus being inducted "into Christ," and identified with Christ as Christ.” (from Coffman's Bible Commentary, Copyright © 1971-1993 by ACU Press, Abilene Christian University. All rights reserved.)
    - iii. Conviction of judgment.
      - a. The Spirit convicts of judgment by revealing the eternal state of those in sin and of those in righteousness.

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- B. He regenerates the sinner
1. By saving those who respond through the washing of regeneration.
    - i. **Ti 3:4-6** “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior”
  2. By causing them to be reborn, in conjunction with the Word.
    - i. **Jn 3:5** “Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”
    - ii. **I Pt 1:22-23, 25** “Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God...25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.’ And this word is the good news that was preached to you.”
- C. He sanctifies the saved
1. By making sure those washed have been sanctified and justified.
    - i. **I Co 6:11** “And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”
  2. By making sure those justified continue sanctified in salvation through the Word.
    - i. **Jn 17:17** “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”
    - ii. **Ep 6:17** “and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”
    - iii. **Ro 15:16** “to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”
- III.
- A. He blesses us through His indwelling
1. Christians have the indwelt Holy Spirit.
    - i. **Ro 8:9-11** “You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”
  2. That indwelling...
    - i. Enables us to put to death the deeds of the body.
      - a. **Ro 8:12-13** “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

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- ii. Strengthens our inner being.
  - a. **Ep 3:16, 20** “that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being. . .20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us”
- B. He blesses us through His seal
  - 1. This seal marks us as belonging to God.
    - i. **Ep 1:13** “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit”
  - 2. This seal therefore marks the guarantee of our inheritance.
    - i. **Ep 1:14** “who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”
- C. He blesses us through His Fruit
  - 1. This fruit develops us into a person with Christ-like characteristics.
    - i. **Ga 5:22-25** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”
  - 2. This development produces a deepening love for the Father.
    - i. **Ga 4:6** “And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!””
  - 3. This deepening love fills us with an abounding hope.
    - i. **Ro 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.”
- D. He blesses us through His intercession
  - 1. He intercedes in our weakest points even in our prayers pleading on our behalf becoming our interpreter to God.
    - i. **Ro 8:26-27** “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

### CONCLUSION

- 1. Just because we do not always understand how the Holy Spirit works does not mean we are not in need of Him.
  - a. Far too many end up grieving and quenching the Spirit out of ignorance.
    - i. **Ep 4:30; I Th 5:19**
  - b. Studying the truth concerning the Spirit of God is the best antidote to error.
- 2. Question: Have you studied the Holy Spirit enough to know you need Him?
  - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
  - b. If not why not?

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### 3. Invitation

- a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
  - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
  - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
  - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
  - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
  - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
  - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
  - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**