

All You Need Is The Holy Spirit

Series: All You Need

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I have learned in life that we think we need more than we really do. We want much but need so much less. However we also think that what we already have is not enough. The ability to lead a Christian life, to make disciples, and to function as a church is much more dependent on God than any contribution man makes. We are exploring the idea of having all we need to be successful as God's people. Last week we looked at how we have the Word of God which supplies us with all the knowledge we need to be the kind of people God wants us to be. Today we will look at God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:15-18, 15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 16:12-15, 12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

- Before Jesus left He was thinking of what the disciples needed
- He provided a WHO not a WHAT.
- The Spirit resides within us
- Since we are not treated as orphans, having the Holy Spirit means:
 - We belong
 - We have provisions
 - We have security
- The Holy Spirit supplies the need of guidance.
- The Spirit is our link to the Father and the Son

These are the spiritual truths (some of them) about the presence of the Spirit in our lives, but knowing that we have what we need is another matter. So let's make it practical:

When you feel lonely remember that the HS is living in your spiritual house.

When you feel confused remember that the HS is there to provide guidance.

When you feel afraid remember that the HS is there to comfort you.

When you feel disconnected remember the HS is there to bind you to the Father and Son.

When you feel insecure remember that the HS has guaranteed your future inheritance.

When you feel unfruitful remember that the HS can produce His fruit in your life making your character like Jesus' character.

When you feel dirty and sinful remember that the HS can sanctify you, making you holy.

I want to end with two quotes from C.S. Lewis' **Mere Christianity**:

The whole dance or drama or pattern of this three-Personal life is being played out in each one of us: or putting it the other way round, each of us has got to enter that pattern, take his place in that dance. There is no other way to the happiness for which we are made. (p.153)

Good things as well as bad, you know, are caught by a kind of infection.... You want to be warm, you must stand near a fire: if you want to be wet, you must get in the water. If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to, or even into, the thing that has them.... They are a great fountain of energy spurting up out the very center of reality. If you are close to it, the spray will wet you: if you are not you will remain dry. Once a man is united to God, how could he not live forever? Once separated from God, what can he do but wither and die? (p.153)