"The Spirit Of Truth!"

John 16:4b-15

Notice This Passage Is A Pair Of Bookends

"And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you...
I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now!"

John 16:4b & 12

Jesus Makes It Clear That As Human Beings All Of Us Are Incapable Of Understanding, Comprehending Or Accepting All That God Has For Us All At Once!

Therefore, God Gives Us More & More Of His Revelation Each Day Of Our Life As We Are Able & Willing To Learn & Accept His Will For Our Lives!

- 1) Through His Word (The Bible) The Holy Spirit Guides & Illuminates His Truth To Our Hearts & Minds!
- 2) Through Prayer The Holy Spirit Speaks Directly To Our Spirit & Our Mind!
- 3) Through The Events Of Our Lives Or Other's Lives The Holy Spirit Gives Us Greater Understanding Into The Spiritual Reality Of Our Own Life & Relationship With God!
- 4) Through Other People Who Are Committed To God, The Holy Spirit Speaks Directly To Our Hearts & Minds!

TRUTH

The Holy Spirit Is Sent Into The World To Stand In The Place Of Jesus Christ To Continue The Presence Of God In The World Living Among His People!

In this passage, Jesus is about to go to the cross to die in our place, to rise again from the dead on the third day & to ascend back on the 40th day into the heavens in glory.

In Order To Receive God's Promise Of The Abiding Presence Of His Holy Spirit In Our Lives We Must Daily Do Two Things In Return!

- 1) Remain Faithful To God By Trusting In His Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord Alone For Our Salvation!
- 2) Remain Obedient To God's Will For Our Lives By Putting Into Practice Whatever Truth, The Holy Spirit Reveals To Us Through His Power & His Guidance Living & Working Within Us!

The Work Of The Holy Spirit In This World Is Threefold!

1) Conviction - The Holy Spirit Brings Conviction Into An Individual's Life To Make Them Personally Aware Of God's Presence In The World & In Their Lives.

This Personal Awareness Of God Is Made Possible In Turn By Three Different Forms Of Personal Conviction:

- A) Sinful, Self-Centered, Selfish Acts Of Disobedience, Self-Gratification & Self-Praise Are Traded For Obedience, Willingness, & Praise & Worship Of God Alone
- B) Unrighteousness Desires, Feelings, & Thoughts Are Traded For A Personal Desire For God's Righteousness & Holiness
- C) Impending Judgment Before God On The Last Day & Hell's Fire For Eternity As Our Due Punishment Are Traded For Forgiveness & A Place Of Peace With God In Heaven

The Work Of The Holy Spirit In This World Is Threefold!

2) Guidance - The Holy Spirit Guides Us Into All Truth & An Understanding Of God's Word & Will For His People. The Holy Spirit Transforms His People Causing Them To Desire To Live Lives Of Holiness (Pleasing To God). The Holy Spirit Causes Us To Be Transformed To Think Like God Thinks.

The Work Of The Holy Spirit In This World Is Threefold!

3) Power - The Holy Spirit Provides The Transforming Power Of God Living Within Us The Spirit Reshapes Us Into God's Image! The Image We Lost & Destroyed When We Rebelled Against God. The Spirit Takes Away The Old Self & Creates The New Self In Us!

Let Me Ask Two Questions Of You Now!

- 1) To Those Of You That Do Not Yet Know The Abiding Peace Of The Holy Spirit Of God In Your Life:
 - Q: "Would You Like To Know The Peace & Joy That Passes All Understanding?
 "Would You Like To Know The Holy Spirit & Begin Having A Relationship With Him Today?"
 - 2) To Those Of You That Know & Believe In Jesus Christ Our Lord:
 - Q: "Do You Truly Desire & Value Above All Things The Fullness Of The Abiding Presence Of God, The Holy Spirit In Your Life?"

"Would You Ask God's Holy Spirit To Fill You Completely & Sanctify You Completely?"

CLOSE YOUR EYES & ALLOW GOD TO SPEAK TO YOU RIGHT NOW!

"Do You Hear The Spirit Of God Speaking To Your Heart & Mind Right Now?"

"Would You Consider Answering The Spirit Of Truth
Who Is Present Where You Are At This Moment
With All Sincerity & Truth In You – Holding Nothing Back?"

Would You Say Right Now?

"I LOVE YOU GOD!

I NEED YOU JESUS!

HOLY SPIRIT ABIDE IN ME ALWAYS!

DEAREST GOD. I LOVE YOU AS YOU LOVE ME!"