

FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today we discuss with you why the Holy Spirit is so important to our lives

2 Corinthians 13:14 – The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (ESV)

A lot is said about the grace of the Lord Jesus

- His grace that **saves us**... completely **forgives us**... **heals us**... His Grace empowers us to **overcome** every obstacle of the enemy... In **weakness** His grace **sustains us**... because of His grace we can **boldly approach His throne**...

Next the Love of God... it is the love of God... that is **the prime mover of grace**... His love for each and every person... His **sent Jesus to secure us by His grace**

So let's look at the last part of this verse... **the fellowship of the Holy Spirit**... **Why this is so important**

Fellowship has a message

John 14:26 – But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (ESV)

John 15:26 – “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. (ESV)

The message of the Holy Spirit... **testifies to us that Jesus is the son of God**... he bears witness... put Him on the stand in the courtroom of your life...

John 16:8-11 – When He comes, He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me

no longer;¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

TCC -There is a message about Jesus in this verse (3 parts)... See it through the eyes of the Holy Spirit

Message #1 – The Holy Spirit has a relationship to the world... to convince them of their need for a savior...**He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin...**

Message #2 – The Holy Spirit has a relationship with believers... **Convince us of Righteousness...** His righteousness is complete... when we accepted Him

Message #3 – Jesus Wins – Satan has been judged ...¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world **now** stands condemned

Revelation 20:10 - And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Fellowship has Intimacy

John 17:21-...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (NIV)

TCC- You want to know Jesus... be one with Him... get into fellowship

The Holy Spirit is a person... Who influences... who unleashes power... who is behind the force of the Gospel in the earth

- **Holy Spirit -He teaches** – John 14:26... **He testifies** – John 15:26...**He guides** – Rom. 8:14 ...**He speaks** – 1 Cor. 2:13...**He enlightens** – John 16:13...**He strives** – Gen. 6:3 **He commands** – Acts 8:28... **He intercedes** – Rom. 8:26...**He sends workers** – Acts 13:4**He calls** – Rev. 22:17...**He comforts** – John 16:7

The Holy Spirit is God-

Father is on the **throne**... Jesus is at His **right hand** making intercession for us and the **Holy Spirit is on the earth** spreading the Gospel to and through people...

John 14:16 ...and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, **to be with you forever** ...**Even the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.** (ESV)

These are all indicators of closeness...

- The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit intends to be active in our lives... not just a onetime fits all to make sure we don't go to hell... Daily interactive... intimately involved in every moment of our lives

Fellowship must be maintained

Ephesians 4:30 - **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (ESV)

TCC- When we grieve the Holy Spirit we do not lose our salvation... what we do is take a step back from intimacy... That closeness...

Ephesians 4:29-32 – Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (NIV)

Our part is to enjoin this fellowship... reciprocate... to maintain... by how we treat each other

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1 John 1:7 – If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship with each other and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. (NIV)

Here's the challenge... Do we want to know Jesus? Do we want an ongoing relationship with the Holy Spirit? How do we treat each other?