

## The Holy Spirit and You

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As you partake of God's Word each day, in sincerity, truth and understanding, it gradually results in an internal saturation of your spirit (i.e., the intellect of your soul) with His Holy Spirit of truth.

Your heavenly Father may touch you initially with His Holy Spirit, to get your attention and to draw you to His Word. And when you hear that Word, and pursue and accept it, you are then initially sealed with that Holy Spirit of truth.

But the internal *saturation* with His Holy Spirit – which is to say, the bond between your spirit and His own Spirit of truth – becomes stronger *only* through your growing familiarity with His Word. It therefore requires effort on your part, based upon your love of His Word and your personal desire to partake of it.

In other words, the result of partaking of His Word each day, with understanding, is a growing bond or “marriage” between your spirit and His Holy Spirit of truth.

As you partake of God's Word each day, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, in sincerity and truth, your understanding of that Word begins to grow within you, and the internal impact of the Holy Spirit on your own spirit grows also.

His truth begins to replace your preconceived notions, thoughts and traditions, and you begin to become “one” with your heavenly Father, in spirit, truth and understanding, through Christ Jesus, the Living Word of God.

**Joh 17:8** For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

**Joh 17:11** And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

This growing “oneness” with your heavenly Father through His Word – which is to say, through His Holy Spirit of truth dwelling within you -- in turn gives you what St. Paul refers to as “the mind of Christ” (1 Co. 2:16), or what I would prefer to call the *mindset* of Christ.

**1Co 2:16** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

In short, as you grow more adept in His Word through your daily study, meditation and prayer, that bond between your spirit and His Holy Spirit of truth is strengthened so that your mind becomes more and more like His mind and your thoughts more like His thoughts.

As a result of this growing “oneness” with your heavenly Father through His Word – which is, in essence, a spiritual *marriage bond* between your spirit and His Holy Spirit of truth -- over time you quite literally become a bearer of that Word (i.e., a Christ-bearer).

That is to say, you become pregnant with His Word, in the spiritual sense. His Word dwells in you, and grows, through His Holy Spirit of truth. And you in turn dwell in Him through His Word.

As you grow in “oneness” with Him by continual partaking of His Word, and willingly taking on His mindset, you might then begin to plant seeds of truth to others. And through that process His Word, which is His Holy Spirit of truth, begins to flow forth *through you* to a troubled world.

Just as the Holy Spirit of truth flows forth like living water from God’s Word to us, so when you plant seeds of truth into spiritually hungry minds does His Holy Spirit of truth flow forth like living water from you to others.

Indeed, John 7:38 below is as much in reference to the Holy Spirit of truth flowing forth from within Christ to His faithful followers, as it is to the Holy Spirit of truth flowing forth from within His faithful followers to others.

**Joh 7:38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Said succinctly, when you partake of the Word of God in sincerity and truth, and with understanding, over time it begins to flow forth from you as you plant seeds of truth in the fertile soil of the minds of other inquisitive people. And those seeds of truth carry His Holy Spirit forth for others to receive, or reject, as the case may be. Your job is simply to allow the Holy Spirit of truth to flow forth from you to others, with proper discretion, of course.

Consider this passage from the Old Testament regarding the startling effect God’s faithful followers have on this old world as they pass through it:

**Psa 84:5** Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

**Psa 84:6** Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

**Psa 84:7** They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

In this Scripture, this old world we live in is portrayed metaphorically as the “valley of Baca” or *valley of weeping*. Spiritually speaking, it’s a very dry valley. There’s nothing there to sustain its inhabitants for long. But as God’s faithful servants pass through this dry valley representing today’s world, ultimately heading to Zion to be with the Lord at His second advent, we leave

behind the Living Water everywhere we go, changing the spiritual landscape, so to speak, ultimately for the better.

Those pools of truth you leave behind as you pass through this dry valley become available to “whomsoever will” partake of them. And those who partake, and continue in His Word, in turn over time also become bearers of the Word of God, helping bringing it forth to a troubled world.

**Rev 22:17** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

The Word of God IS the Living Water all people are invited to partake of.

So as you grow stronger in God’s Word by partaking of it daily, let that truth flow forth from you, where appropriate, whether it’s planting a seed of truth in the fertile mind of a person who asks a sincere question, or supporting a good seed-planting ministry that helps keep the Living Waters flowing to an awaiting world.

Your job, simply stated, is to make those pools of Living Water available to others in this otherwise spiritually dry world we live in. It is up to them to partake, and participate, should they please.

Ultimately, when the antichrist arrives to this earth pretending to be our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Thessalonians 2:1-4), the Word of God will go forth to the entire world whether they want it or not. And as God’s great plan of salvation has it, it will flow forth from God’s faithful servants who know the difference between the false christ and the true Christ. As it is written:

**Mar 13:9** But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

**Mar 13:10** And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

**Mar 13:11** But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

The Word of God will flow forth from God’s faithful servants to the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit within them, to wake the people of the world up to the great deception around them. And at that point this old dry valley will be changed forevermore.

Meantime, see to it that you are about your Father’s business. Study His Word, so the bond between your spirit and His Holy Spirit of truth may continue to grow. Plant seeds of truth, with discretion, as the Lord opens up the opportunities. Support a good, Christian seed-planting ministry, if you can. And watch as the pools of Living Water come forth.

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