

Rejoice in God
the Holy Spirit



God the Holy Spirit, Who dwells inside of us, has done and is doing special things for us! Everything He does for us is for the purpose of transforming us into the image of Jesus Christ! This means He is growing us spiritually to be more and more like the humanity of Jesus Christ. God wants us to learn the facts about the Holy Spirit so that we can be very secure in Who He is and what He is doing for us. Then He will tell us to walk by means of the Holy Spirit. Another way of saying that is, by the power of the Spirit, live the lifestyle which the Holy Spirit is teaching us. It is who God the Holy Spirit is, what He has done and is doing that is important! We come into that picture and co-operate with Him in what He does. God the Holy Spirit does the work; we respond to Him!



John 14:16-17 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him, or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you."

We know that God the Holy Spirit is involved in the lives of unbelievers; He wants to make them aware of the fact that they need a Savior. The unbeliever isn't even aware that he needs a Savior. The Holy Spirit has to do the work to make the unbeliever aware of that fact. He also has to prepare the situation and/or person that will tell the unbeliever about Jesus Christ. God the Holy Spirit makes sure that the unbeliever is given the truth about the Savior.



John 16:8-11 And He [God the Holy Spirit], when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world [Satan] has been judged.

He regenerates us - we are born again by the Spirit. *John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

Once the unbeliever realizes the need for a savior and decides to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior, the **Holy Spirit** does more of His work; He regenerates him - he is born again spiritually by the Spirit. **The Holy Spirit** takes that faith and puts the person in union with Jesus Christ! Amazing grace! At salvation the **Holy Spirit** comes to live inside of us and He will never leave us. He gives us spiritual life! We can rejoice in God the Holy Spirit!





Romans 8:1-2 Therefore there is now no condemnation [no adverse verdict and no punishment] for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law [rulership] of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

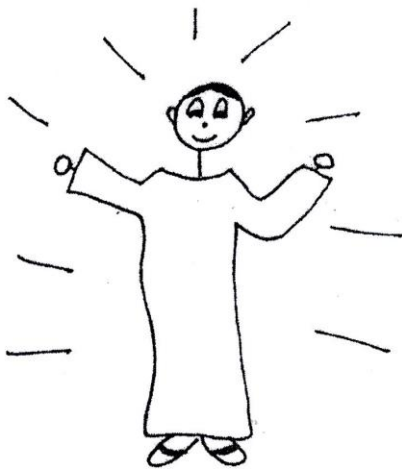
This is God's viewpoint of believers in Jesus Christ - no condemnation and no punishment! Jesus Christ took care of all of that at the cross! We have new life in Christ Jesus! When we get off course and don't correct it, God will do something to get us back on course. God will discipline us which means He will do something to help us see our wrong behavior and to put our focus back on Him. It is not condemnation and it is not punishment! It is God wanting to correct us - to redirect us.





People often want to condemn us. And, we do the same to others. We need to keep learning God's viewpoint so we won't let their comments and opinions drag us down. God's viewpoint will also help us not to criticize others.

We need to remember that we are in Christ! Christ was resurrected and sits victoriously at the right hand of God the Father. The Father sees us sitting victoriously with Christ! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! However, when we are feeling down, we can turn to the Spirit to boost our spirits! He is always there to help us. The Holy Spirit wants to make sure that we know that we are free from the law or rulership of sin because of Christ's work on the cross. We are under the rulership of God the Holy Spirit. He gives us life!



He is the Spirit of Life. *John 6:63-64*
"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.





He is our Helper, and the Spirit of truth (enables us to know the truth). *John 14:16-17 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him, or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.*

Jesus knew that after He left earth we would need another Helper. So, He asked God the Father to send God the Holy Spirit to be with believers in the body of Christ forever! God the Holy Spirit makes it possible for believers to know the truth! He abides or lives inside of us and makes it possible for us to understand God's word - the Bible! God's word is truth! Unbelievers can't understand the word of God because they don't have the Holy Spirit living inside of them. We all need the Holy Spirit to teach us the truth. We never earn nor deserve the Holy Spirit to be our Helper. **Because of His love, the Father gave us the Holy Spirit so we can know the truths about God!**





The Holy Spirit teaches us all things, reminding us of Christ's teachings. *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 said to you."*

It is so exciting to think that **God the Holy Spirit** is our Teacher of God's word! We use God's truth when we are deciding what to do in situations in life. For example: we are told "not to covet", Romans 8:7. Here covet means to desire wrongfully, or without due regard for the rights of others: to **covet** another's property. Let's say a friend has a new baseball and I don't have a baseball. I really want **his** baseball - I covet it! I even have the thought of stealing it. Wow! The Holy Spirit reminds me that coveting my friend's baseball is wrong. So, I need to let the Holy Spirit change my attitude. And, He will! My friend will probably even ask me to play baseball with him. I'm so glad that my thought didn't go into action! The thought was bad enough. Thank you Holy Spirit for showing me where I was going off track!





We abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

When we believe what God teaches us through His word we *abound in hope or confidence by the power of the Holy Spirit*. We have hope in living our life on earth and hope in our eternal life in Heaven. When we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, we were put into union with Him. While on earth we can look to Jesus and see what got Him through His life on earth; He used the power of God the Holy Spirit and Scripture. We are to use the same gifts! We can "abound with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"! He is with us all the time. We know where Jesus Christ is now - seated at the right hand of God the Father. Where He is - in Heaven, we can be confident we will also be. Things don't look so bad when we have that kind of hope or confidence! And it all comes to us through the power of the Holy Spirit!

For surely
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says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
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Hope.
Jeremiah 29:11. NRSV





The Spirit testifies that we are the children of God. *Romans 8:15-16 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,*

That is soooo comforting! Testify means to serve as evidence or proof. The Holy Spirit indwelling us is evidence or proof that we are children of God because as believers we are in union with Christ. Jesus' heavenly Father is our heavenly Father also! **God** is our Father! We may have an earthly father that is a good dad; or, we may have one that isn't so good. (Whoever, God gave us the best dad for us.) Our heavenly Father is perfect! He always does what He knows is best for us. We can always rely on His love! We will always be His children. God the Holy Spirit testifies to it!





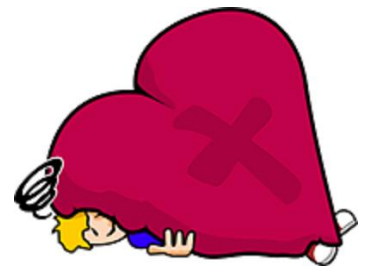
The Spirit intercedes for us in prayer. *Romans 8:26-27*
In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Just think of that! **God** the Holy Spirit prays for us! And, He prays according to the will of God the Father! Now that is perfect.



The Spirit has poured the love of God into our hearts as a permanent blessing. *Romans 5:5* and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

The more we HEAR what God says in the Bible, the more we will come to know the love God has poured into us. We will realize more and more the amazing love of God in giving us His beloved Son as our Savior.





God the Holy Spirit does all of these things for us before we are ever commanded to walk in the Spirit. When we are secure in these facts about Him, we will be asked to walk in Him. The Holy Spirit is taking us in the direction of being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ. God gives us the good news **and then** gives us commands to obey Him. He knows that if we see the Christian way of life as command after command after **command**, then we will break down. That is why we are to see our new life in the Spirit and in Christ. Everything comes to us because of who we are in Christ Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. God has set it up for us to win!

Colossians 3:1-2 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

