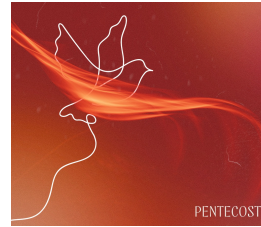


THE HELPER

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Jesus reassured the disciples that He would not leave them orphaned. His Father would send them the Holy Spirit as their Advocate to remind them of all Jesus' teachings. He further added that the Holy Spirit cannot indwell with them until the Son of Man is glorified (John 7). The Holy Spirit is the helper that guides, teaches, gives wisdom and knowledge, and enlightens not only the disciples but all of us at this present age. Truly, the Holy Spirit is our helper because He too drives demons and reconciles us with God.

1. The Holy Spirit is the power of the Church.

The Book of Acts is the record of the ministry of Jesus. After His death, the apostles performed miracles in His name. In the context of our present time, we too, must learn, believe, and live according to His teachings.

2. The Holy Spirit dwells in us and helps us in our relationship with God.

2.1. The Holy Spirit helps give clarity and wisdom. Let us seek Him for enlightenment of the vague things we don't understand (John 14:26-27).

2.2 The Holy Spirit helped the disciples to speak in their native languages (Acts 2:14-36).

2.3 The Holy Spirit helps us pray effectively to God. He makes prayer interesting by making it a dialogue, not a monologue (Gal. 6:6; Eph. 6:18).

2.4 The Holy Spirit helps us to worship God in spirit and in truth. He helps us understand God's Word.

2.6 He helps us complete personal and divine projects, tasks, and assignments (Zechariah 4:6-9).

2.7 He will give us revelations to discern God's plans for us (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit gives us personal instructions and helps us know what God is saying on the steps we want to take (Isaiah 30:31).

2.8 He communicates to us through dreams, visions, or impressions (Psalm 32).

2.9 He helps us be fruitful (Isaiah 22:15) and radiate the glory of God (2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:22-23).

2.10 He helps us live a sanctified life and avoid sexual immorality (1 Thess.4:3, Phil.4:8).

2.11 The Holy Spirit helps us endure persecutions and trials. He outwits our accusers (Mt.10:19).

2.12 The Lord Jesus told the disciples they may ask anything in His name. The prayer of a community is very powerful (Acts 4:23-31).

- Peter received the gift of the Holy Spirit to have the boldness to speak to the crowd and was able to convert 3,000 people.
- He helps us pray for healing. Peter and John used the name of Jesus and healed the lame man (Acts 3:1-4).
- Paul and Silas were imprisoned at midnight. They sang praises to God and all doors were opened (Acts 16:25-26).
- Paul was bitten by a snake but was not poisoned, as promised by Jesus (Acts 28:3).
- The people brought the sick into the streets for healing; they believed Peter's shadow might fall on them and heal them (Acts 5:15).
- Sapphira and husband Ananias suffered death as a punishment by God because they promised to give the proceeds of the sale of their lot but cheated the church (Acts 5:9-10).

Conclusion: The Holy Trinity is composed of three divine persons - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The latter is known as the Helper/Advocate. We are in an era of God the Holy Spirit. Therefore, let us give the same honor and reverence to the Holy Spirit. Let us not be troubled because the Holy Spirit is with us day and night protecting us from the clutches of evil.

Reflection: Have you felt or experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit when you seek guidance, enlightenment and discernment? How did you respond to His promptings?

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