

Act 3: The Holy Spirit

*Lift the curtains ...as you prepare
yourself for the true meaning of
Revelation!*

*And the Spirit of God moved
upon the face of the waters.
[Genesis 1:2]*



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MESSAGE #5

*How we enjoy a daily relationship with **Jesus** through the Holy Spirit.*

In **Message #1**, we looked at how God ushered in the Holy Spirit in preparation for His Voice at the onset of creation. In **Message #2**, we focused on how God partnered with the Holy Spirit in creating us. In **Message #3**, we saw the value of the Holy Spirit in helping us experience the fullness of the Blessed Trinity individually as three unique persons and together, as one God. In **Message #4**, we reflected on how the Holy Spirit helps us to *live* our full DNA: born in the perfect image of God (Genesis 1:26).

Now in **Message #5**, we will look at how we can enjoy a daily relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.



Part 1

Why a relationship with Jesus

Why do we want to enjoy a relationship with Jesus? He is the part of the Trinity with whom we can best relate. Like us, He functioned on earth fully in human form. I cannot help but ponder over the awesomeness of God. Not only did He create us ... Not only did He see our disobedience in the Garden of Eden ... Not only did He watch us fall. He also loved us so much that He birthed one of human nature to walk this earth as our perfect example of pains, struggles, tears, anger, hurt, and death ... one whose example would be remarkable.

Jesus was as much man as if He were not God. Yes, He was birthed of the spirit but subjected to all that we are today and worse. God gave Him a choice like He gave us.

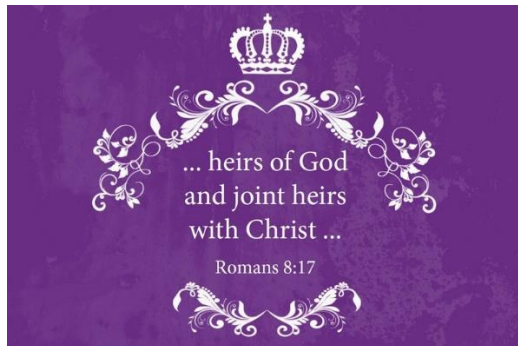
- We saw Him weep (John 11:35; Luke 41:1)
- We saw Him angry (John 2:17)
- We saw Him curse the fig tree (Mark 11: 12-14)
- We saw Him wishing He could enjoy an easier way at the Cross (Matthews 26:39)
- We saw Him reach out for help (Matthew 26:40)
- We saw Him hungry (Matthew 4:2)
- We knew He was thirsty (John 19:28)
- We knew that He had a natural birth (Luke 2:7)
- We knew He grew like us in stature and wisdom (Luke 2:52)
- We knew He got tired (John 4:6)
- We knew He slept (Matthew 8:24)

He was man on this earth in its full form (Hebrew 2:16).

Jesus is our first brother (Romans 8:29). The type of brother who looked out for us by giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us after He returned to the Father. How we long for this type of trust here on earth – so many of us still seeking this. So, we want to enjoy this brotherhood with our amazing first sibling who was created for our salvation and eternal dwelling. He gave His very life for us as excruciating as His journey to the cross was – every step of it. Yet He endured because He loves us – you and me.

He made us one with Himself and the Father (John 14:20) not just securing a position for His benefit. How little of this do we see today as many fight for power and position while standing on the shoulders of others. What a faithful big brother who will always cover our backs. Let us enjoy this. Through Him we have life and life abundantly.

We are joint heirs with Him – we share His full inheritance! (Romans 8:17). He shared this full inheritance with us – lacking nothing. What more can we ask for? Have we even touched the surface of all that Jesus bestowed upon us? Yet we fight tirelessly for the many worldly treasures that are good today and gone tomorrow (Matthew 6:19-21).

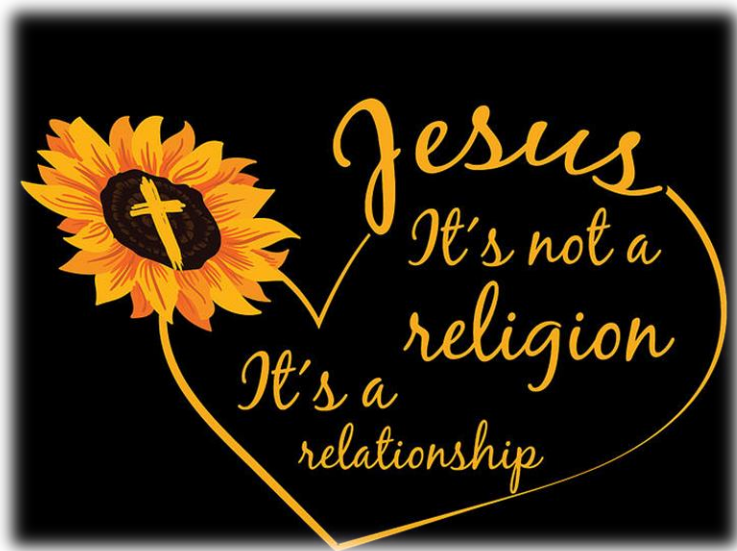


So ... yes, we want to know Jesus and to be in a relationship with Him. He was human like us ... back then:

- He lived in the world and not of the world (John 15:19).
- He overcame temptation (Matthew 4:1-11).
- He endured loneliness (Matthew 26:40-45).
- He triumphed over death (2 Timothy 1:10).

Oh, if we can just learn from Him ... His road map is perfect. With Him, we have all that we will ever need to live our purpose for God and to the glory of God.

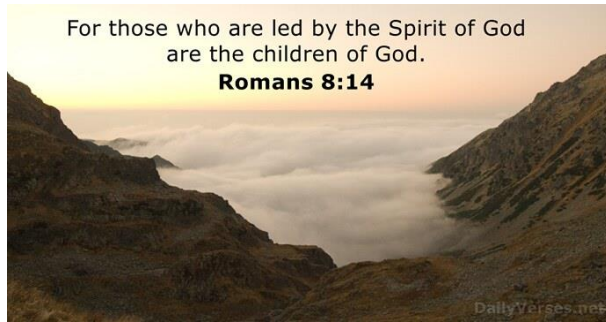
Praise the Blessed Trinity!



Part 2

Jesus' Relationship with the Holy Spirit

First and foremost, as we reflect on Romans 8:14, we realize that like Jesus (the first Son of God), who was led by the Holy Spirit, we too must be led in like manner to be sons.



Please let us understand that we can only enjoy a relationship with Jesus today through the Holy Spirit because of the relationship between the two:

- The Holy Spirit *birthed* Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit *knows* Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit was Jesus' greatest *companion* here on earth.
- The Holy Spirit *guided* Jesus' every step.

We know that from the inception, it was the Holy Spirit who brought Jesus into the world to us through His blessed mother, Mary:

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 1:18

Not only did God choose to bring His Son into the world through His Holy Spirit, God also equipped Jesus with the Holy Spirit to do His work here on earth. We note how perfect is the work of God – how He operates in completeness:

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. Acts 10:38

Jesus fully accepted the Holy Spirit as His anointing:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering the sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. (Luke 4:18-19)

I wonder what would have happened if Jesus did not accept the Holy Spirit. At all times we want to be reminded that Jesus was as much man as if He were not God and as much God as if He were not man. He had a will of His own! He could have made decisions as we do today. But we see very lovingly how He chose to do the will of His Father to the end when at the cross He uttered:

Not my will but thine be done.” (Luke 22:42)

We see the reality of how the Holy Spirit guided Jesus each step of the way during His journey on earth. This is Jesus, our brother, our example and who is the Son of God. We want to take time to know Him. We want to take time to have a relationship with Him.

We want to take time to listen to Him. We can only do this through the Holy Spirit – this is just how it is.

Jesus was fully open to the mentorship that God put in place for Him through the Holy Spirit that would have perfected His purpose and ministry on earth:

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness”. Luke 4:1-2

So ... it would make sense then why Jesus ensured we had the Holy Spirit when He left the earth in person to return to His Father. He knew He could not do all that God purposed for Him as a human being here on earth without the Holy Spirit. He wanted us to enjoy the same.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:7–8)

In fact, Jesus made it crystal clear that without the Holy Spirit, we do not have a relationship with God. Please let us be cognizant of this. Being oblivious to it only leaves us like a ship without an anchor:

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:5

Hence His reason for ensuring we have the Holy Spirit once He exited the earth. He knew exactly what we needed.

What a loving Savior who would want to fully equip us with all we could ever need for life and for purpose. Like His Father, Jesus also does things in completeness:

*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
(John 14:26)*

A precious Comforter, the Holy Spirit who would testify of Jesus Christ ... He knew Jesus in the most intimate way. Who else is fit to guide us in knowing and living and serving this Jesus here on earth but ... the Holy Spirit!

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. (John 15:26)

We need the Holy Spirit. We cannot do this journey without Him. God included Him in His work of creation. Jesus included Him in His walk on earth. We also need to include Him in all aspects of our walk. The realization of our life's purpose depends on His fully dwelling with us. Oh, how He starts my day with such joy as we greet in the mornings:



Part 3

About Jesus with whom we enjoy a Relationship & how the Holy Spirit helps us to enjoy Him

What is the relationship we have with Jesus? To emulate Him and to do the will of the Father as He did. Remember that He is all about His Father's business. So, any relationship with Him must result in our serving God as He did on this earth. No more. No less.

But ... who is this Jesus with whom we enjoy a relationship? And how does the Holy Spirit help us enjoy all that Jesus is? As we review who Jesus is below, let us remember that the Holy Spirit knew Him through and through so He can guide us to be all that Jesus was on earth.

Jesus is all of the following and much more but we will focus on these few for now.

#	Jesus is ...	Scripture	Enjoying Him daily
1	Communicator	But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee. (Mark 14:28)	The Holy Spirit guides us as to how we can relate to Jesus by being a strong communicator as He was. He guides our words

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			daily if we allow Him.
2	Astute Listener	For this reason, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. Hebrews 2:1	The Holy Spirit helps us to relate to Jesus in this way by showing us how to listen carefully as well. He can help us know what to focus on.
3	Confident	And now, Lord take note of their threats, and grant that Thy bondservant may speak Thy word with all confidence. Acts 4:29	When trouble surrounds us, the Holy Spirit will guide us with the same confidence He gave to Jesus. We can relate to what Jesus experienced in this way as we keep building a very strong relationship and identity with Him.
4	Cautious	Also, it is not good for a person to be without knowledge, and	We know the issues associated with making rash decisions. We share the

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		he who makes haste with his feet errs. Proverbs 19:2	cautiousness with Jesus in the same manner as He was directed by the Holy Spirit.
5	Compassionate	But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 1 John 3:17	Our relationship with Jesus must be in line with who He is – someone compassionate to others. The Holy Spirit helps to quicken our hearts toward others that we need to touch.
6	Mindful of the things of God	And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2	We want to take on the mind of Christ as we relate to Him and do His Father's will on this earth. The Holy Spirit who guided Him will do the same for us. He knows.

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7	Wise	<p>But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.</p> <p>James 1:5</p>	<p>We know that Jesus had to be wise with all that He had to deal with on earth. The Holy Spirit guided Him each step of the way. As we build our relationship with Jesus – we too want to enjoy this wisdom.</p>
8	Diligent	<p>Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.</p> <p>Colossians 3:23</p>	<p>We know that Jesus was diligent about His Father's work. Who helped Him to be this way? Yes, the Holy Spirit who guides us today in our relationship with Jesus.</p>
9	Discerning	<p>But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height</p>	<p>We need this type of discernment. Not the external but knowing how to relate to the heart of others as the Spirit leads.</p>

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		<p>of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.</p> <p>1 Samuel 16:7</p>	<p>Jesus had to be discerning to make it to the cross and off the cross. He was meticulously led by the Spirit.</p>
10	Enduring	<p>And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.</p> <p>Galatians 6:9</p>	<p>What would have happened to us had Jesus not endured? As fully human He could not endure without the Holy Spirit's guidance. We need this too, now more than ever, as we deal with so much daily.</p>
11	Gentle	<p>But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly</p>	<p>Oh, we know the gentleness of Jesus even in the worst of His</p>

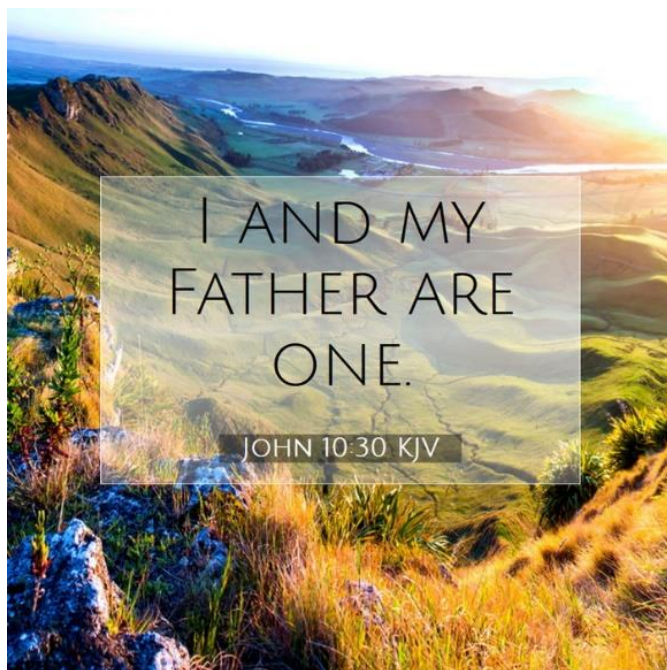
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		cares for her own children. 1 Thessalonians 2:7	pains. His love for God and us took Him on and off of that cross. He cares!
12	Truthful	Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. Ephesians 4:25	We could trust the words of Jesus for His guidance was of the Spirit. His love for us ensured we were directed in the right way always. He made sure we were given the Holy Spirit when He returned to the Father. He always did what He said He would do.
13	Sensitive	Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Romans 12:15	We saw how Jesus wept with Lazarus' family. He was sensitive to the core. We can only relate to Him if we take on this as well through the help

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14	Sincere	Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart. 1 Peter 1:22	In all that we do, let us trust the Spirit to help us be as sincere as Jesus was on this earth. Those who served Him knew they could rely on Him to complete whatever He started.
15	Meek and Humble	My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from him. Psalm 62:5	Oh, He left the heavens to take on the cross in the humblest manner. Do we live this humility daily? We can with the help of the Holy Spirit.



All that Jesus was, is and will forever be reminds us that God is with us ... for He and the Father are one!

John 10:30



Part 4

Living this Message Today

What I know for sure is that I have to get to know Jesus and to enjoy a relationship with Him so that I can be like Him. I am joint heir with Him only for God and to the glory of God. I want to enjoy all that He is and the perfect roadmap that He provides. I also know that I can only enjoy all of this through the Holy Spirit, our wonderful enabler, guide and comforter.

Prior to enjoying my current walk, I tried to emulate Christ in every possible way from as far back as I can recall. But I know I probably failed many times. Today, I have the same desire to emulate Him. What is the difference? I know now that I cannot do it alone. So, I feel myself getting better each day in doing and being all that my Trinity desires. I still mess up – I am sure :) but making better progress. The more I release, the more *they* take over – total joy. So very grateful!

I am very active in work and ministry and also a part of my home and many other communities. So, I need daily guidance with work and relationships. I follow Jesus' pattern and allow the Holy Spirit to guide me in all I say and do. It has given such deeper meaning to my daily walk. My life is full of purpose and I truly cannot wait to awake each day to see what is *their* next steps in my life.

~ **PERSONAL REFLECTION** ~

1. What does Jesus mean to you personally?
2. Do you feel the oneness with Him that He gave to you in John 14:20?
3. How do you see the role of the Holy Spirit in your life?
4. What about Jesus' description in this message grasped your attention?
5. What are the attributes of Jesus that you feel you emulate well?
6. What attributes do you struggle with and why?
7. How do you deal with your daily challenges with the help of the Holy Spirit?
8. What have you learned from this message?



Dear Father,

Thank you for your precious Son, our big brother and model. That you would love us so much to put a pattern in place for us. That you would wrap Jesus with so much love and all that He needed to complete His purpose on earth. That you would be loving and patient with us as we become more like you through following Jesus.

Thank you for the Holy Spirit. We know that we cannot accomplish anything without Him. Help us to know Him and to trust Him and to be willing to walk with Him. You and Jesus partnered with Him. May we do the same as well.

Oh God, how do we ever thank you enough for a life that is so full and complete. We rejoice daily because you are our hope, you are our joy, you are our reason for living.

Keep us close to your heart. May none else shine brighter than you in our hearts.

Amen

