

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 #9

How can I enjoy all that the Holy Spirit is in my life.

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). In **Message #5**, we looked at how we can enjoy a daily relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. In **Message #6**, we looked at how we enjoy the Holy Spirit by releasing our lives to Him. In **Message #7**, we looked at how the characteristics of the Holy Spirit apply to us today. In **Message #8**, we looked at how the *fruit* of the Holy Spirit defines our days. Through the union we share with the Holy Spirit, more of who He is becomes more of who we are. It is as fruits growing on a tree as they blossom fully from its soil. Such is the fruit of the Holy Spirit that is invited into our soil that is fully ready for growth.

Now in **Message #9**, we will look at how we can enjoy all that the Holy Spirit is in our daily life.



Thank you Jesus for the gift of the Holy Spirit that you left with us before your ascension to the Father.

How can I enjoy all that the Holy Spirit is in my life.

This is a very special message in this series as it is such a ***personal testimonial*** for me. This series is heavily based on scriptures. In this message, I just want to testify of the realities of enjoying the Holy Spirit in our lives daily.

Words fail in fully explaining how my life has become so absolutely complete when I came to really understand that each member of the Blessed Trinity is a real person and, together, they are as one God who is the author and finisher of my journey. As such, I am safe, covered, protected, loved, respected, cherished and equipped with all that I could ever need to live in the full image of God.

Here is how you and I can enjoy all that the Holy Spirit is in our daily life:

1. Understand who He really is as a person.

We covered in multiple messages in this series that the Holy Spirit is a person and shared many scriptures that support His personal attributes.

But how can we enjoy what this means in our daily lives? Let us pause and think of our best friend in this entire world if we have one – someone we trust without reservation. We can talk with them without having to be careful. We pause and listen to them. They will not force themselves on us but allow us to desire them.

We feel as if we can start and end sentences because of how much we are in synch. At times, such a friend knows when we are hurting even if we do not say anything.

Okay now multiply that joy to the n^{th} degree (infinite) and there you have the Holy Spirit. He is all that friend is and then some more. You may feel that you cannot see and feel Him like you do your friend. But dear one, keep your eyes zoomed in on Him and you will feel what no human being can make you feel. You prepare your heart and you will see Him daily. He is there. He is there 24/7. Wow! In the loneliest of days and in the darkest of nights, He is present. How do we know this? We rest all cares on Him before we go to sleep and awake feeling better and have answers. Now tell me what can top this? With this type of intimate relationship, our days are full of joy.

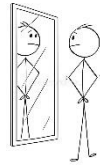
Friends, embrace the Holy Spirit as a person. Enjoy His love, care, hope, power, fullness, guidance and all else that He has in store for you. You will not regret inviting and trusting Him. You will not have to question if He will walk away from you or disappoint you. He never will. He is the real thing. This is why God placed Him in the forefront even before creation and why Jesus trusted Him every step of His journey here on earth.

Want daily joy? Trust this person of the Holy Spirit!

2. Let us accept that we need Him to answer our life's calling and purpose.

There is no question that each of us is created with a unique gifting and calling. As shared repeatedly ... there is no second *you* in this world of some 8+ billion people. No. You are special. You are unique. You are irreplaceable. You fill a space in this world like no one else does. You are made in the image of God in a way that represents Him like no other can. Please embrace this.

Each time you look into the mirror, remind yourself of your immense value to God and to His creation. He carefully designed you in such a way that there are no duplicates. Even twins have their distinctive points. Our thumb print is unduplicatable! But this unique calling and purpose must be realized for the glory of God. Remember that He will not share His glory with another. So, all that He has made of you is for His pleasure and His pleasure alone – not yours. As you please Him, you are pleased above measure in the process.



But how do we answer this calling and purpose? We know that we are born in a world that is not perfect. We know that daily we encounter struggles that can pull us in one direction or the other. We do our best only to come out feeling that we have yet failed again. From where do we get the strength and assurance that we can walk a

journey of purpose and feel that we have fulfilled this purpose at the end of the day?

So this is where the Holy Spirit comes in. I just had to come to one realization:

I cannot do life without the Holy Spirit.

It was not easy and I will not say that we get to this realization quickly. No. Faster for some and slower for others. We all have our own baggage with varying weights. But this is the beauty, whatever weight you are carrying, the Holy Spirit can handle it.

So the next step for me was the following that I meant with all my heart:

I invite you to share my life. Take full control as you guide me daily please.

He is sweet. He is gentle. He is loving. He is kind. He is willing. He is just waiting for your invitation. Once you invite Him (as He will not force Himself into your life), you will start to see changes and then you enter the ‘Wow’ phase where you know that you know it is not you doing anything but someone else is doing it.

I then became more confident in Him and at 5ft, I started to feel like 7ft! I was ready to take on anything because I was not the one doing it – I know who that person is!

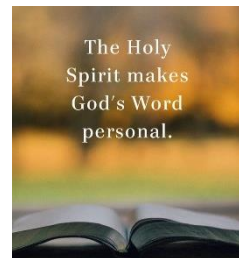
3. Know that God becomes real in our lives because of Him.

When we fully understand that God and Jesus moved through the Holy Spirit, we are able to better grasp what scripture means when it says that we are dead without the Holy Spirit. If the Almighty One and His perfect Son positioned the Holy Spirit as the breath and life of all of their actions then how can we even exist or move or realize our life's purpose without the Holy Spirit?

So because of the Holy Spirit, God becomes real in our lives. He teaches us about who God is, He adds the wisdom we need to seek God as the one from whom our DNA came and He enables us to act in such a way that we represent God through all that we do and say daily.

Through His infinite knowledge, we are awakened to the presence and nature of God. Through Him, we not only feel the love of God but we know how to love. Through Him, we not only feel the care of God but we know how to care. Through Him, we not only feel the trust of God but we too know how to trust.

Through the Holy Spirit, God becomes real to us. He is no longer just a God of spirit but a person with whom we can relate. He becomes alive. He helps to bring the very Word of God alive to us.



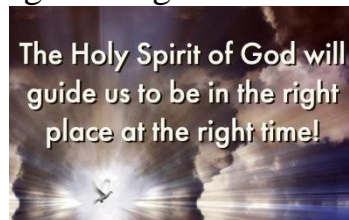
4. Believe that walking like Jesus as our model can only be done through Him.

I see Jesus as my daily role model. He left the awesomeness of heaven to dwell with us as a human so that He could give us the gift of redemption. What love!

He was as much man as if He were not God. A human like me exposed to all life's challenges on this earth and subjected to all the same temptations. Not only did He sacrifice His life for me by assuming a human form but His life also serves as an example to me. I try to follow His leadership and to walk humbly as He walked even though He came on earth as the Son of the Most High fully embodied with all that is of God.

But I know only too well that I cannot walk like Him without the Holy Spirit's enabling. He teaches me about Jesus and helps me to be all that I need to be in order to shine as a living example of this Christ who commissioned me to continue the good work He started.

There are times I stumble. There are times when there is so much I do not understand. There are times when I am not sure which direction to following. Through all of these times and more, I just have to tune into the softness and sweetness of the Holy Spirit for guidance and all the answers I need.

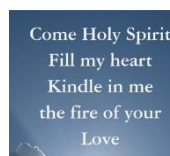


5. Invite Him into your life not because you need Him but because you desire Him.

As we have shared throughout this series, the Holy Spirit is a person. He loves, He cares, He knows, He feels, He is alive in us. I do not think we feel good when others turn to us or befriend us only because they need us. How it warms our hearts when they invite us into their lives simply because they desire us and want us to be a part of their life's journeys.

It is the same with the Holy Spirit. He is a person. He loves us but oh how it must bring Him pleasure when we ask Him to come into our lives and to be the very source of all that we need to enjoy a full life with and for God. We do this because we feel such a panting after the things of the Blessed Trinity. We do this because we love the things that pertain to God. We do this because we long to be like Jesus on this earth.

This is when we truly feel the ecstasy of a relationship with the Holy Spirit who brings unspeakable joy. He fills our being where we feel full lacking nothing. We rise above all that could ever keep us down because we are soaring with Him to places where only He can take us. It must come from a desire ... one that is based on pure love for God and all that He is through His threesome leadership: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

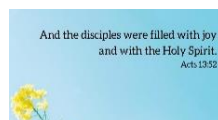


6. Embrace the daily joy that you can experience with Him.

Who does not want to feel daily joy? Well this joy became a living reality when I came to better know and understand the Holy Spirit as a person. My entire life changed.

I learned in my journey with Him that there is a huge difference between joy and happiness. While I still felt happy or sad based on all that was happening around me, I started to notice that this was all outside of me. The inner joy remained very strong. Through this joy, any unhappiness became ephemeral – it did not last very long.

The Covid pandemic came – an unprecedented time in all of our lives. I hurt and was sad each time I heard of a death but the joy remained strong within. I was still awake with a dancing heart. It was through this extreme period that I really came face to face with the truth that when God reigns mightily within us, we can only be joyful for all joy comes from Him and Him alone hence no one or nothing can take it away from us. I encourage us to enjoy the daily joy that we get from the Holy Spirit. It is real and lasting. Life has its many ups and downs and will continue to present its many challenges. But, we know that we have hope to awake to another day full of joy as the Holy Spirit remains in and with us – filling us with His presence.



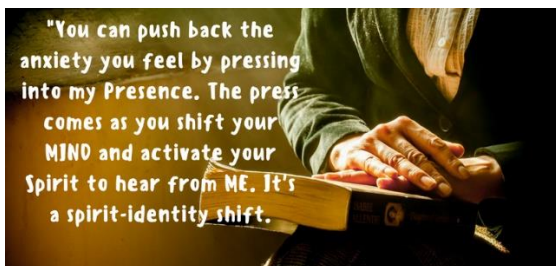
7. *Feel His presence in all you do.*

Oh the joy of *feeling* His presence in all we do. It is the most calming or reassuring feeling ever!

Lately, I have been enjoying just pausing to ask Him how He would handle things. It would be the simplest thing. I would immediately feel His strong presence and as I work as He would, whatever I am doing becomes so much easier. Indeed, He is gentle and like a light breeze. I smile at times when I see how much energy we spend on what can be done so simply!

Do you want to enter your days feeling a sense of peace and absolute confidence that you are well protected, guided and untouched by the flurries of daily activities? Trust in the Holy Spirit as you walk with Him – tightly as one. He is all you will need to end a day feeling a high sense of fulfillment. He makes your days purposeful.

I am so humbly grateful to have the Holy Spirit in my life daily. I cannot wait to awake another day just to walk with Him as I realize my life's purpose and calling.



8. Enjoy the authority, empowerment and belongingness we feel with the Blessed Trinity through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit who lives and dwells in us keeps us connected with the Blessed Trinity. With His presence strong within us, we can enjoy the authority God intended for us through the dominion He gave to us in Genesis. We can enjoy the empowerment we feel through all that Jesus did for us on that Cross thus empowering us to walk in victory and eternity. We feel such a sense of belongingness with the entire Trinity as if wrapped in a soft blanket. The three powers as one God all dwelling within us.

But their dwelling with us remains dormant until the Holy Spirit brings to our awareness that they are alive and working with us and for us. When this awareness is strong, we start to feel as if the sky is the limit – because there is no limitation in them.

For this reason, I came to embrace the rapture as that which we feel right here on earth as we take off into great heights with God. We are elevated to a place that makes us feel we are living heaven on earth. I feel this daily and it is something I can barely explain! Oh the mystery of God. The beauty of God. The amazing lift we enjoy when we let the Holy Spirit remain the wind beneath our wings. I am so lifted!



***9. Feel in control of your days because you know
He cannot fail since He is flawless***

Oh my ... how many times we question ourselves wondering if we can do this or that. We struggle through on day and fear the next because we are not sure of what to do – the who and when and where and what of life.

We enter a classroom not sure if we can get into the minds of our students in an effective manner. We look at our children not knowing if we can get them to accept our mentoring for a better life. We enter another day of work wondering if we will get our team to work together to achieve their goals. We stand before that pulpit questioning our ability to make a difference in the lives sitting before us. We get to our government seat with doubt as to whether we should even be there.

Stop dear ones. Once you trust and rest in Him, you are where you need to be unless He redirects you. While there, take full control of your days. You have placed each day in His Hand and He is flawless. He will not fail you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. But here is the secret ... do not run ahead of Him. Let Him keep the lead as you follow in His footsteps. Oh, this has transformed my walk!



10. Stay focused on all that He is as you finish each day feeling complete, fulfilled, and purposed.

The key is **focus**. I have learned in my own journey that this 5-letter word **f-o-c-u-s** is all I need to realize my life's purpose and to reach my goals.

What do I mean by focus here?

Focus is filtering out everything around you that is not in the main pipeline of God. It is allowing the Holy Spirit to keep you centered and single-eyed on that which is aligned with your life's purpose. It is knowing how to replace the daily noise we hear with that quiet and steady voice deep within that keeps beckoning us back to shore.

When you do this, you know by the end of the day that it was not just another busy day. Rather, it was filled with all that is aligned with your main purpose in life ... to bring pleasure to your Heavenly Father. It is for this sole purpose we were and are created. Focus on this. Do not let you and others get in the way ... life is not about any of you. It is about God. In serving Him without reservation, you find your pleasure.



~ **PERSONAL REFLECTION** ~

1. This reflection is simple yet profound:
 - Please pause and reflect on how you are enjoying all that the Holy Spirit is in your life.
 - If you are not, what do you think is causing you not to be able to enjoy all that He is or desires to be through your walk on this earth?



PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

