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Discipleship

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The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

John 15: 1-5 *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

No one escapes pruning. And none of us escape not at times liking it.

Not even LCC. But...it's an essential discipline

Hebrews 12:11 All discipline (pruning) for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

The Holy Spirit

Who is He?

The Helper, Counselor, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, The Spirit of Christ, The Spirit of Life, The Spirit of prophesy, Spirit of grace, Spirit of holiness, The Spirit of wisdom and revelation, The Spirit of glory, and Lord.

And for those of us who would receive Christ He said the Spirit would:

- ✝ **Convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8)**
- ✝ **Birth us into the Kingdom, giving us eternal life (John 3:6, 16)**

- ✝ Give us a new heart, a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26-27)
- ✝ Be with us forever (John 14:16)
- ✝ Teach us all things (John 14:26)
 - To the disciples “Bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”
- ✝ Guide us into all the truth (John 16:13)
- ✝ Take what the Father tells Him to tell us and reveal it to us (John 16:14)
- ✝ Lead us and bear witness with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:14-17)
- ✝ Pour out of us rivers of living water (John 7:38-39)
- ✝ Give us His gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7)
- ✝ Make us fruitful (Galatians 5:22-23)

Regenerated by the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:5 *He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,*

John 6:63 *It is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh counts for nothing ; The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.*

John 3:6 *that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

Romans 8:9 *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

¹⁴ *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...*

Sanctified and Being Sanctified by the Holy Spirit

Justification: Declared BY GOD innocent, not guilty, blameless. Legally exonerated because of the work of the Holy Spirit

Completed Sanctification: Declared Holy, set apart to God by the indwelling Holy Spirit

Progressive Sanctification: The process by which the Holy Spirit conforms us into the image of Christ

God wasn't working in Israel to make them his chosen people, but He was working in Israel for His glory because He chose them as His chosen people. Similarly, God the Holy Spirit is not making us holy to make us holy! He's making us holy for His glory because he's already made us holy. By the Spirit He is revealing in and through us progressively the work He has already done.

❖ The Holy Spirit Is Our ONLY Source of Sanctification

1 Corinthians 1:30 ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Hebrews 10:5-10 ⁸ When he (Jesus) said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:14 ¹⁴ For by a single offering (Jesus, not bulls and goats!) he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Romans 13:14 ¹⁴ *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

Philippians 2:12-13 *Work out your salvation in fear and trembling because it is God who is at work within you both to will and to do according to His good pleasure.*

Before we ever take the first step in seeking to be holy or in doing good works, we are already completely justified, sanctified, fit and entitled to all of Heaven based on the imputed righteousness of Christ. We are to run the Christian race, persevere in the faith, walk in the light, seek to bear fruit and bring forth good works, not in order to become saints, but we are to do all of this as having been made full-fledged saints by virtue of Christ and His righteousness alone.

Bill Parker, Eager Avenue Grace Church, Albany, Ga. Imputed or Imparted....Which?

The Battle for Sanctification

Victory over sin(sanctification) is won through the renewing of the mind, not the capacity of our memory!

Romans 10:17: Faith comes by hearing the word of Christ. (Not just reading it!) **Hearing requires the HS!**

- ❖ **Riddle: What is something that we remember, but we forget, yet still remember?**

2 Corinthians 5:17,21

And here's why....

I Corinthians 6:19-20 *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? You have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.*

This wasn't true before Pentecost!!

Exodus 40:38 ³⁸ *The cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire in the cloud at night, in the sight of the whole house of Israel in all the stages of their journey.*

Acts 1:8 *You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you SHALL BE my witnesses...*

Acts 2:1:3 *When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

- ❖ **The Hope Diamond and you...** Walking with a priceless Treasure (2 Corinthians 4:7)

"We tend to forget individually who we have been made by the indwelling Spirit as new creations in Christ, and forget as well, who we are, collectively, indwelt corporately by the Spirit as Christ's body, His church. The result: we don't live as who we are as new creations in Christ either individually or as a church, and often because we don't remind ourselves and one another of these truths as Scripture teaches. The result, therefore, is that we become anesthetized to these Scriptures that we have memorized in our head. And knowledge of Scripture without application is powerless against the wisdom of the world, the flesh and the devil. We walk around as if dressed for a costume party and not dressed for the deadly battle we are in for ourselves, our families, our church or for the lost."

Of God I am in Christ; created anew, made a branch of the Vine, fitted for fruit-bearing. Would to God that believers would cease looking most at their old nature and complaining of their weakness, as if God called them to what they were unfitted for! Would that they would believingly and joyfully accept the wondrous revelation of how God in uniting them to Christ, has made Himself chargeable for their spiritual growth and fruitfulness! How sickly hesitancy and sloth would disappear, and under the influence of this mighty motive, with faith in the faithfulness of Him who grafted them into Christ, their whole nature would rise to accept and fulfill their glorious destiny!

Take time to meditate and to worship until the light that comes from the throne of God has shone into you and you have seen your union to Christ as indeed the work of His almighty Father.

Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ*, page 47

Full of Gifts; Full of Fruit By the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 13:13 *So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 14:1 *Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.*

The motivation for the gifts is found in the Holy Spirit prompted and empowered motivation to love

Filled By and With the Spirit

Ephesians 5:18-19 *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled** with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart .*

❖ ***What are we full of???***