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HOLY SPIRIT: OUR HELPER AND MYSTERY GUEST

Who Is He and What is He up to?

For many Christians, the Holy Spirit is the Mystery Person of the Trinity. For others He is their daily delight. How to move from A to B? Let these three "portraits" give you fresh insight to the One who points to Others, never Himself. That's just one reason why His life and work in us is hard to glimpse. Still, one of the best parts of the game of Hide and Seek (that our God seems to love to play with us) is gaining "eyes to see" what had earlier escaped our notice...



See [New Life in the Spirit](#) to read more about this part of our New Life.

Help on the Inside - *Right Where It's Needed Most!*

Jesus said that He would send the Holy Spirit to be our "Helper." This has been wildly misunderstood with people thinking that only Christians "have" the Holy Spirit or that the Holy Spirit only



came to help people after the resurrection. God has always and will always be doing things for us by the Holy Spirit. ***That is nothing new.***

The Holy Spirit did all kinds of great things for Jewish believers in the Old Testament. He does great things for everyone who calls on the Lord and always has. Not only that, He has always been the giver and sustainer of life for everyone and every creature in creation, regardless of whether they know Him or not. None of this has changed through anything that Jesus did for us by His death and resurrection. ***What did change?***

Holy Spirit our Helper will be with us eternally: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:16-17 ESV

The altogether new thing that God is doing for us is that the Holy Spirit now lives inside all who give their lives to Christ through faith-conversion and the new birth. This (along with Christ's sacrifice) makes the "new and living way" possible. The Holy Spirit lives inside of us as our Helper, helping us to live in a "new way" that was never before possible outside of childhood--the way of surrender and trust.

Before we became Christians, the Holy Spirit our Helper was always doing things for us, even if we didn't know it, but now that we are Christians, He is helping us *from the inside* to live through Him. Faith conversion helps us in two tremendous ways (among others). We can call on the Lord with confidence that God by His Spirit will do for us more than we can ask or think. We can also call on the Lord for His help in surrendering so that God can live through us ***in ways He never could before.***

Discover the uncanny resemblances between Holy Spirit, Jesus and You .

A New Way of Life - *Learn to Let this River Flow*

Naturally, God will go on doing things for us. He always has! The missing element--the part the



"sending" of the Holy Spirit is intended to correct--is that now Holy Spirit Is a River of Life!
we can truly live for God by trusting Jesus and obeying Jesus
with the Holy Spirit helping us on the inside. By indwelling us the Holy Spirit is able to help us
live as we were always meant to live with real joy, peace, freedom and faithfulness.

By all means, keep on thinking of God as "out there" and "up there," but add to that "in here."
Think of Him as willing to work for you, but think also of Him as *wanting to live through you*. If
you are in Christ through faith, then the Holy Spirit is in you, working, working, working to help
you learn how ***to live in and with and through His inner Life***.

Your new personality, for instance, looks just like His! Deep down you have been joined to Him
and have been given a new heart. This means, that although the "old heart" of the old nature
will still be throwing up all kinds of negative emotions, false beliefs and wrong desires for you to
contend with, you have a choice that was never available to you before. Now that you know
who Jesus is, you can choose to cling to Him and call on Him for help to break free of the old
ways. This is the best way to enter the "new and living way" that only happens when we trust
Jesus enough to obey Him step by step. That may seem like a tall order, but the Holy Spirit will
work inside you to help you with this. ***That's His "new" assignment!***

In any moment in which you choose to surrender your life and your choices to Jesus, the Holy
Spirit's "personality" will emerge inside you. Not perfectly perhaps, but very wonderfully, filling
you to the degree that you yield yourself to God. What then begins to flow is peace, love, joy,
and all sorts of good things. This is the mighty river of the new life which Jesus said would flow
out of the heart of all who believe in Him. ***But there is a catch***. Just believing in who He is will
not be enough to get you into the river most days. You have to believe in Him enough to trust
Him with all He allows and follow Him in all He asks.

The great way it feels and the God-ordained things that keep happening are powerful
incentives to keep surrendering to Jesus and flowing in the "river of peace." Jesus said that
believing in Him (at this level of trust) is "the work" you and I are required and expected to do
by our God. That is why He has put His Spirit inside of us--to help us with the work of staying
surrendered and submitted to Him no matter what is going on around us.

Discover more about [The Indwelling Presence](#) at our website.

The "Inner Witness" - *What's that?*

The Holy Spirit helps us by being our Inner Witness. He is always
reminding us that Jesus is alive and that He is our Savior and
Lord. Even the most backslidden Christians still have this inner
witness quietly at work on the inside reminding them of the
direction they need to turn. Once He sees we are willing to turn,



the Holy Spirit will help us pray, reminding us to cling to and call on Jesus. ***This is absolutely essential!***

Until we start calling on Jesus in a situation of trouble or temptation, we are actually "calling on" ourselves. "Self" will never be a sufficient savior. Leaning on yourself always leads to stress, anxiety, depression and fresh disasters. ***The new life is leaning hard on Jesus***, clinging to Him and calling on Him. This activity on the inside does more than anything else to change us from being self-centered creations of pride, to Christ-centered new creations filled with His Spirit.

The Holy Spirit helps as a "Remembrancer," reminding us what we have already been taught. The enemy ever seeks to steal out of our hearts the Word that God sows. Holy Spirit works to keep God's truths in our remembrance. (Hint: you can make His work easier by memorizing key scriptures.) Holy Spirit also helps us by being our "Revealer of Truth," leading us out of our darkness into Christ's Light.

And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. John 16:8-11ESV

Because we all have such a hard time recognizing what may be wrong about things we habitually believe and do, Holy Spirit is our inner guide to what's true, convicting us of sin (showing us what's wrong), and convincing us of righteousness (what is good and right from God's point of view). He also helps us by reminding us of judgment. Just as the enemy will be judged and have to face the full consequences of all the wrong he has done, so our own wrong doing will bring down consequences on us unless we separate from them in time. ***That gives us plenty of motivation!***

In all these ways and more, the Holy Spirit our Helper points us always to Christ, working to get us to trust Jesus with all He allows and all He asks of us. As we trust Jesus, the Holy Spirit raises us into the peace of Christ, shows us the next right thing to do (so that we can follow the Lord step by step), and then helps us want to do that next right thing. ***All of this, of course, depends on our willingness.*** But the Holy Spirit will even help us with that--if we want Him to. Learn this prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to work in your heart, especially at those times when you sense that you don't want to surrender to God:

Lord, help me want to want, what You want, desire what You desire, and hate what You hate.

Read about [The Power of the Spirit](#) at our website!

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Forerunners4Him is intended to provide inspiration, encouragement, and humor for entering into the life of freedom, joy and peace that Jesus died to give us. Salvation often "drops in out of the blue" but real progress living the new life of faith usually requires the hard work of facing God and deep issues, trying to make sense of the scriptures and gain positive guidance under pressure. Let us help you with that!

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