

A. TRUTH

- The Spirit of God has been given to us to live in us and to help us. His work is crucial as we pursue relationship with God and His Living and Active Word: John 16:5-15-- But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ 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 depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.
- Jesus promises that it is better for His disciples (then and now) to have the Holy Spirit than for Him to be with them in Person.
- God sent the Spirit when Jesus finished His work on the cross. Holy Spirit reveals to Christ's followers all the truth of what His death and resurrection did for them: 1 Cor 2:10 NLT-- It was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets
- The Spirit brings others into the Kingdom as He convicts them of the truth of their sin and the righteousness available to them through relationship with Jesus. (Vv. 8-11)
- It is the Spirit's job to change our hearts, giving us a hunger for truth and the desire to abide by it: Ezek 36:27 NLT--I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.
- As the Spirit of Truth, He gives us knowledge and insight about God and His Living and Active Word: Eph 1:17 ERV-- I pray that he will give you the Spirit, who will let you know truths about God and help you understand them, so that you will know him better.
- LISTENING EXERCISE:
 - Lord, help me to see what it would look like for me to have greater dependence upon the Spirit:*
 - *To reassure my heart of my right standing with God*

 - *As I seek You in my time in the Scriptures*
- Insights:

B. TESTIMONY

- Another work of the Spirit is to bear witness to us about the spiritual realities that are ours in Christ: John 15:26--But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me
- The Spirit provides evidence to our hearts of all the truth through His revealing work. One of His most helpful roles is to make the truth real to us:
 - Helper -- summoned, called to one's side; one who pleads another's cause before a judge, an intercessor, an advocate, a comforter (G3875)
 - Testify —to affirm that one has seen or heard or experienced something, or that he knows it because taught by divine revelation or inspiration (G3140)
- It is by the testimony of the Spirit within us that we can know Jesus has truly saved our souls: 1 John 4:13--By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- Each of us is created with the legitimate need to belong. The Spirit answers that longing in our hearts by testifying to us the truth of our adoption: Rom 8:15-16 AMP-- You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons [the Spirit producing sonship] by which we [joyfully] cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies *and* confirms together with our spirit [assuring us] that we [believers] are children of God.
- What a comfort to know that we belong to God and that and that He belongs to us!
- It's the Spirit that helps us grow in our relationship with the Lord by facilitating our communion with Him in prayer: Rom 8:26-27 AMP-- The [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid *and* bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer *nor* how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication *and* pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings *and* groanings too deep for utterance. ²⁷ And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes *and* pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to *and* in harmony with God's will.
- LISTENING EXERCISE:
Lord, help me to see how my prayer life would be different if I had greater dependence upon the Spirit:

- Insights:

C. TEACHING

- The same Spirit that guided, counseled and empowered Jesus in His earthly life is the same Spirit that lives in us: Is 11:2 -- The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
- We will grow spiritually when we seek and receive the Spirit's teaching and counsel. His guidance will always be consistent with the Living and Active Word of God.
- The Holy Spirit takes the Word and "discloses" it to us. This means, "to speak, show, tell, declare, report, rehearse" (John 16:13, G312)
- We even get reminders of all we've learned as the Holy Spirit fulfills His ministry of remembrance: John 14:26--But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
- When the Spirit is our Teacher, He helps us to recognize the Lord's will and expands our understanding of it: John 7:17 AMP-- If any man desires to do His will (God's pleasure), he will know (have the needed illumination to recognize, and can tell for himself) whether the teaching is from God
- Whenever the Spirit reveals God's will to us He will also provide the power that enables us to follow it:
 - Rom 8:11 NLT--The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you.
 - Phil 2:13 AMP-- [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure *and* satisfaction *and* delight.
 - Zech 4:6 -- 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.
- LISTENING EXERCISE:
Lord, help me to see how having greater dependence upon the Spirit would impact my experience of seeking to know Your will for all the issues of my life:

- Insights:

D. PERSONAL APPLICATION

- **ONE THING**

The One Thing that I'd like to take away from today's class and believe God to accomplish in my life is:

- **PONDER THE TRUTH**

Which verse or principle stood out to you this week? Write it below taking some time to review it often. Be still in God's presence, alert for new insights. Record them here.

- **PROCESSING THE TRUTH**

Prayerfully consider the Listening Exercises from this lesson. Ask the Spirit to guide you into a deeper understanding of the truth and to reveal any specific faith steps He his calling you to take. Write down your insights.