



The Holy Spirit # 8

Hello everyone. Welcome to “Notes From the Presence.” This is the eighth in a series of short articles on the Holy Spirit.

Today I would like to bring a practical application to the discussion of the Holy Spirit being "in" us and also "upon" us. I have heard it said that the Holy Spirit is "in" me for me, and He is "upon" me for others. This quote comes from a few different sources but most recently I heard it said by Bill Johnson on one of the Bethel podcasts. In particular, today I would like to delve a bit deeper into the idea of the Holy Spirit abiding "in" us.

The Holy Spirit is "in" us for a few reasons but they are all primarily personal. In other words, they are things that relate directly to the connection we have with our Father God and the intimacy we will share with Him for eternity. These things are all possible because the Holy Spirit is part of God, but also becomes part of us providing a divine dual-portal and partnership between us and heaven. Here is a short list of Holy Spirit partnerships that is by no means comprehensive:

John 14:16-17 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Notice that the Holy Spirit is our Helper and He is "in" us for this reason. There are quite a few other translations of the word "Helper." A couple of other accepted renderings are "Comforter," and "Advocate." He is there when we need comfort and the word "advocate" is a legal term. When we need legal representation in the spirit world, the Holy Spirit is there to represent us before the hosts of heaven and hell, declaring that we are holy and just in the sight of God by the blood of Jesus.

Romans 8:11 *But 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.*

Here we see the Holy Spirit once again dwelling in us and giving life to our mortal bodies. This promise is amazing. Essentially, the Holy Spirit, if allowed, can saturate our natural bodies with glory and life, giving us an advantage where sickness is concerned. I will often wait on the Holy Spirit, allowing Him time to release this remarkable promise into my body. I imagine it like a divine intravenous - drip, drip, dripping heavenly life and glory into my flesh, bringing life, health, and restoration on a micro-cellular level.

Romans 8:26 *In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

The Holy Spirit is "in" us to help us pray, especially when there are no words. He intercedes for us. This is part of the intimate connection that we have with our Father God. These verses go on to say that the Holy Spirit knows the mind of God and thus intercedes for us with absolute accuracy, praying the perfect "will of God" over us. For this reason, the very next verse declares: And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). These are extremely happy thoughts!

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 *But just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him." For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.*

These verses speak of our personal destiny and they are among my favourite verses in the bible. Evidently one of the reasons the Holy Spirit lives "in" us is to reveal the things given to us by God. The heart of our Father God over us is absolutely massive. The bible speaks in the book of Psalms of His thoughts for us being as numerous as the sands of the seashore. Now that is a lot of thoughts! He has put seeds of purpose and destiny in each one of us and the Holy Spirit helps us to recognize and walk into these plans. Let me explain how I imagine this process taking place.

Because the heart of God is so huge, there is no way of deciphering the depths of it. Think of the biggest data base in the world, let's take "google" for example. There is a

massive amount of data stored in the google data base and the only way to efficiently access it is to do a google search. Without a specific search, there is so much data to sort out that you would be looking for a needle in a haystack. Think of the heart of God in a similar way, except this is a data base that dwarfs google by infinity. How many grains of sand would you find in the seashores of our world? Billions? Trillions? Seashore sands are uncountable by earthly standards. If the thoughts of God over us are like the sands of the sea, we are going to need some serious help to find them and bring them to our attention in a practical way. This is where the Holy Spirit comes in. He is like a huge search engine. The verse we just quoted says that He searches the depths of the heart of God, and brings to our attention those things that the Father has freely given to us - what eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what has not even entered into the heart of man, the things that God has prepared for us. This thought makes me giddy-happy every time I think of it. Without the Holy Spirit partnering with us, the thoughts of God over us would be mind-blowing and stupefying for us to sort out. With the Holy Spirit's help, they are practical, life giving, and destiny releasing. Simply stunning!!

Ephesians 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

These verses speak of that fact that the Holy Spirit is a seal set on our hearts. He is given as a pledge of our inheritance and our redemption. This inheritance and redemption is available here on this earth as well as for the eternity that we have been destined for. Anyone carrying this seal is assured of eternal destiny in the presence of our Father God.

Our next article will wrap up our series on the Holy Spirit by giving practical application to the Holy Spirit "upon" us.

Thanks for reading. Jesus is real – and in Him we live and move and have our being!!