

Sunday, April 13, 2025

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Ministry of the Holy Spirit to Every Believer

Text: John 14:16, 26; 15:26-27; 16:7-8

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Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation to BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit is available to minister to every believer in Christ Jesus in FIVE key emotional/mental areas.

Introduction:

This Sunday’s devotional focuses on the MINISTRY of the Holy Spirit to Every Believer in FIVE large general areas of emotional and mental well being in our life.

~ We will be considering five portions of Holy Scripture which are all connected by the Greek word *parakletos*; they are John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7; 1 John 2:1. These five contain the only occurrences of the word *parakletos* in the New Testament.

~ *parakletos* is derived from: *para* #3844, meaning: along side (compare with our word *parallel*); *kletos* #2822 meaning: called, invited (see 1 Corinthians 1:24, “*but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*”)

~ The Holy Spirit is called alongside every believer as a comforter, helper, encourage, enabler, and so much more.

1. Unwantedness:

~ John 14:16, “*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper (parakletos), to be with you forever.*”

~ In the Greek there are two different words translated ‘another’: **allos** expresses a numerical difference and denotes another of the same sort; **heteros** expresses a qualitative difference and denotes “another of a different sort.” In John 14:16 Christ promised to send “another Comforter” (**allos**, “another like Himself,” not **heteros**).

~ John 15:18 – 25 READ

~ ILLUSTRATION: best man at our wedding

~ There will be times, as Believers, that we are alone and yet not lonely; the Holy Spirit “will be with you forever.”

~ Christians in Canada are now in the minority!

~ Hebrews 10:24 – 25, “*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, (25) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*”

~ ILLUSTRATION: Logs on the fire

~ Develop the discipline of being quiet to hear the Holy Spirit (1 Kings 19:11 – 12).

2. Unlearnedness:

~ 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 that I have said to you.*”

~ Ephesians 4:11 – 12, “*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, (12) to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ;*”

~ 2 Timothy 2:15, “*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*” (Context 2 Timothy 2:14 – 19)

~ 1 Timothy 4:1, Matthew 24:24, 2 Timothy 4:3 – 4, 2 Thessalonians 2:3

~ We need to be relying on the Holy Spirit.

3. Unfitness:

~ John 15:26 – 27, “*But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. (27) And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.*”

~ John (me) – keep it about Jesus and not about you.

~ 1 Corinthians 2:1 – 2, “*And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. (2) For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*”

~ Hebrews 12:1 – 2, “*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (2) looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*”

4. Unequalness:

~ John 16:7, “*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 go, I will send him to you.*”

~ Psalm 139 teaches us that we ALL are unique and special before God the Father. The Holy Spirit is the great equalizer. He is our personal equipper and developer. Each of us is special to the body of Christ.

~ 1 Corinthians 12:14 – 26 READ

5. Unworthiness:

~ 1 John 2:1, “*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate (parakletos) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*”

~ Remember the context is 1 John 1!!!

~ Insert – Gordon Mote

Conclusion: Song – Holy Spirit Rain Down