

Holy Spirit Series Part 6: Being Taught by the Holy Spirit

“But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.” 1 John 2:20

Review from the past Sundays on the Holy Spirit series:

We opened the series with:

The Leading of the Holy Spirit: “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.” Romans 8:14

Then followed with:

Who is the Holy Spirit? Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (Genesis 1:2, NIV).

Then followed with:

Friendship with the Holy Spirit: “The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.” Psalm 25:14

Then last Sunday:

Praying with the Holy Spirit: “But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.” Jude 1:20-21

Today we are going to talk about: *Being Taught by the Holy Spirit*

We have in the Holy Spirit the same Teacher who faithfully breathed the perfect and practical words of Scripture to imperfect men across thousands of years. And Jesus said in *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.”* Not only did the Holy Spirit teach the disciples, but he also longs to teach us. He longs to reveal to us the depths of God so that we might learn what it is to be a true follower of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He longs to show us the wisdom of God so that we might live as men and women inspired by God rather than fools who find their knowledge only in the matters of the world. We need to open our minds and hearts to receive the wisdom that can only come from God himself in the Holy Spirit.

Paul writes in *1 Corinthians 2:10*, *“These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.”* The Holy Spirit who dwells within us searches the depths of God and longs to reveal to us the ways of our heavenly Father. He longs to teach us what it is to be a lover of God in a world set in opposition to the ways of

God. He longs to reveal to us the wisdom of God's plans and show us the folly that comes from living for the world.

The Holy Spirit desires to be your Teacher today. The questions before you today are:

- 1) Are you willing to be his student?
- 2) Are you willing to submit your understanding to the Holy Spirit and live willingly to his teaching?
- 3) Are you willing to appear foolish at times when the world doesn't understand the wisdom of God?
- 4) Are you willing to live wholeheartedly for the pleasure of your heavenly Father over the fleeting opinions of man?

If we will open our hearts and minds today to being taught by the Spirit, we will discover a wealth of truth that has the power to set us free from the bonds and burdens of this world. Scripture will begin to change our lives as the Holy Spirit reveals to us how these words written thousands of years ago are entirely applicable to our lives today.

Receiving the teaching of the Holy Spirit is as simple as submitting our lives to him one day at a time and making time to listen to him and study the word with him. As important and helpful as they are, we don't have to be pastors, ministers, theologians, or scholars to understand what the Bible means. The Holy Spirit will be our teacher the way he was for the disciples. He will teach us how Scripture applies to our life and guide us into the way of truth. It's incredibly important that we make time to study Scripture, but it's equally important that we read the Bible along with the Spirit instead of apart from him. The Bible is a practical book meant to impact the lives of those who read it under the influence of the Spirit. It's a manual for living life in the abundance of a relationship with God, not a book to be read apart from the reality of God's nearness. Scripture is meant to guide us into direct communication with our heavenly Father, not substitute real, direct relationship with him.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, ***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”***

Trust in the teaching of the Holy Spirit from today on. Lean on his wisdom instead of your own. Acknowledge the reality of his nearness in your life. And discover knowledge that has the power to fill you with abundant life.

We have perfectly powerful guidance in Scripture and the Holy Spirit. The pairing of God's written word and the very God who authored the word have the power to lead us into a life of all wisdom, understanding, and revelation. But we must choose to live this life in light of eternity. We must choose success in heaven over success in the world's eyes. Scripture and the

teaching of the Holy Spirit only have power in our lives if we follow their leadership and principles. Let us choose today to be a doer of the word instead of a hearer only and discover freeing and empowering wisdom that has the power to transform our lives.