The Work of the Holy Spirit (part 3)

August 4th, 2019

Col 1: 9 - 12 (NKJV)

- ⁹ ...We pray that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
- that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ...

Col 1: 9 - 12 (NKJV)

- strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;
- ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

The Holy Spirit prays for you and assists you in your prayers...

Romans 8:26-34 (NLT)

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words...

Romans 8:26-34 (NLT) ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them...

Romans 8:26-34 (NLT)

...Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

A. He intercedes on your behalf.

- 1. God has a purpose for your life.
- 2. He gives you the desire and power to fulfill God's purpose...

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Philippians 2:13 (NLT) ¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

B. The Holy Spirit assists us in our prayers.

- 1. Many Christians are weak in prayer.
- 2. Many Christians don't know what to pray for as they should...

2. Many Christians don't know what to pray for as they should...

James 4:2-3 (NLT) 2 Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. 3 And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

C. We are instructed to pray in the Spirit.

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Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

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Jude 1:20 (NLT)

²⁰ But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit

- 1. We need the Holy Spirit to direct our prayers and to give our prayers power.
- 2. He knows our need. He wants to assist us...

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Closing points... August 4th, 2019