

How Does
The Holy Spirit
Help us?



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.***

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. ***For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.*** (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! ***But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*** (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Quite a few months ago we began to study
how God helps us to

RESIST
(SAY NO TO)
TEMPTATION:



We learned that once we accept Jesus
as our Savior, God makes us part of His eternal
family. God makes us His CHILD forever!

"But as many as received him, to them gave he
power to become the sons of God, *even* to
them that believe on his name."

John 1:12 KJB

And God is a
PERFECT & WONDERFUL FATHER!

Read what God has done for ALL His children:

"Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Je-
sus Christ, who hath blessed us with all
spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:"

Ephesians 1:3 KJB

God has given ALL His children wonderful spiritual
blessings. And as part of these blessings, God gives
ALL His children POWER inside them to be able to
RESIST or **SAY NO TO** all the temptations of this
world that would take us away from obeying God
our Father. Do you remember this scripture:

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,

that the excellency of the power may be of
God, and not of us." 2Corinthians 4:7 KJB

God says that the earthly bodies of His children
are like



**EARTHEN VESSELS
(CLAY POTS)**

that have something very special inside!

What is the something special that all God's children
have inside them?

All God's children have
A TREASURE
inside them!

What is that **TREASURE**?

It is Jesus Christ who lives inside every single
child of God by His Spirit & His Word!

"...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:"
Colossians 1:27d KJB

AND

NO ONE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN JESUS CHRIST!

So no matter **WHAT** troubles you may have, no matter
WHAT temptations you may face, if you are a child of God,
you have all you need to be **COURAGEOUS & STRONG**
until the troubles & temptations end. The apostle Paul knew
this for **SURE!** He had **LOTS & LOTS** of troubles & temp-
tations during his life. But every time Paul used God's
POWER within him to handle the problem, Paul could stay
strong until God allowed the trouble or temptation to pass.
Read about some of the things the apostle Paul suffered in 2

Corinthians 11:23-33. Now read what Paul said happened when He used God's Word & the power of the Holy Spirit to handle those horrible things:



*"We are troubled on every side,
yet not distressed; we are per-
plexed, but not in despair;
Persecuted, but not forsaken;
cast down, but not destroyed;"*
2Corinthians 4:8-9 KJB

Paul said that even when he & his friends who were also believers had TROUBLE on every side of them, they were NOT DISTRESSED. They were NOT very upset or nervous or unhappy. Even when they were perplexed - CONFUSED or PUZZLED by their situation, they were NOT in despair - they did NOT feel HOPELESS! Even when they were PERSECUTED - treated unfairly, harassed - Jesus was right there with them! Jesus did NOT forsake them! They knew Jesus' promises, so they stayed STRONG! Even when they had times when they were cast down - feeling sad or depressed, they were NOT crushed or defeated. Paul & his believing friends knew Jesus' promises to them. And in times of trouble they REMEMBERED them. And they also REMEMBERED that God is IN CONTROL of every situation! And NOTHING could happen to them unless God ALLOWED it too! And if God ALLOWS troubles & temptations in His children's lives, He has PROMISED to give His children EVERYTHING they need to handle things! Here is a promise ALL GOD'S CHILDREN SHOULD REMEMBER, especially when TROUBLES & TEMPTATIONS come our way:

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who

will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.”
1 Corinthians 10:13 KJB

That tells us that we can handle anything God allows in our lives **WHEN** we use **HIS POWER** to handle it! In many of our past lessons, we learned how important it is for God’s children to know God’s Word! We even saw how Jesus used God’s Word to **RESIST** Satan in the desert. We live in a world that is filled with Satan’s **LIES**. We hear many of them on our



**RADIOS
&
TV’s.**



We read many of them in our books & newspapers. We hear them from people who don’t know anything at all about Jesus Christ. God wants all His children to be able to **SPOT THOSE LIES, RESIST THEM & LIVE FOR GOD** their Father instead! See Titus 2:11-12

And today, we will see how the **HOLY SPIRIT**, who is inside every single child of God, helps God’s children **SPOT THOSE LIES & RESIST THEM & live for God**. We will see how the **HOLY SPIRIT** gives God’s children **POWER** to handle all life’s problems, especially temptations!

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HELP US?

First of all, the Holy Spirit helps people learn

that Jesus Christ is their Savior & only way to heaven. In fact, God says that without the Holy Spirit's help, NO ONE could ever know Jesus as their Savior & Lord! God is Spirit. And we are human. Here is what God says"

"...and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."

1Corinthians 12:3d KJB

How does the Holy Spirit help people come to know Jesus? The Holy Spirit uses GOD'S WORD to tell people who Jesus is. And then, if a person wants to believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit HELPS that person believe! And not only that, the Holy Spirit makes any person who simply believes in Jesus, a CHILD OF GOD FOREVER!

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name.



Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. "

John 1:12 KJB

Read 1Peter 1:22-23 & Titus 3:4-7 too.

Now let's read some scriptures that tell us how the Holy Spirit helps God's children to become STRONG in this world. This 1st one tells us that the instant we accept Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside us. He shows us God's wisdom, love & power to make us wise & strong!

"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Romans 5:5 KJB

And how does the Holy Spirit show us God's wisdom, love & power & make us wise & strong?

As we read God's Word everyday, with the desire to obey God, the Holy Spirit takes God's Words that we read & helps us understand them & obey them. God's Words are the ONLY WORDS that the Holy Spirit uses to help us get to know God & obey God. The Holy Spirit is NOT going to use the words we hear on the radio or TV or from other people or those we read in books or newspapers unless some of those words are the same words that we find in our King James Bible! That is what this next scripture tells us:



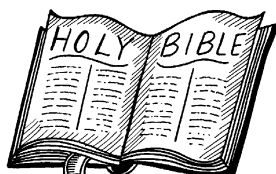
"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual things." 1Corinthians 2:12-13 KJB

God tells us that if we FILL OUR MINDS with His WORD, we will be FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT too! All believers HAVE the HOLY SPIRIT. All believers HAVE the WORD OF GOD.

But not all believers are FILLED UP with God's Words & Spirit. Lot's of believer FILL UP THEIR MINDS with the ungodly things of the world. They do not make time to FILL UP THEIR MINDS with God's WORDS! And so the Holy Spirit does not have much to work with to TEACH them about God or to make them STRONG to say NO to temptation. When we are FILLED with God's Word & FILLED with His SPIRIT, we will be able to SAY NO to the lies & temptations of this world which is now run by Satan. These next scriptures tell us to FILL our minds with God's Word & we will be FILLED with the Spirit & His power at work to help us be strong!

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Colossians 3:16-17

This next one also shows us how to RESIST such things as illegal use of alcohol & drugs which was the question that began our study in the 1st place:

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit;

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord;" Ephesians 5:18-19 Read verse 20-21 too

God gave us the Holy Spirit to lead us by His Word. And when we follow His lead, we will NOT give in to temptation! Read Galatians 5:16KJB!

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10:00 A.M.

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Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

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Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

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First Sunday of Every Month

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Available for Every Service

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From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.



From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Right*.

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