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All In This Together: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

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Memory Verse:

Acts 1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

John 16:7 (NIV) But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

1. The Holy Spirit in us is better than Jesus with us.

KJ21	It is expedient for you...	CSB	It is for your benefit...
AMP	It is to your advantage...	CEB	It is better for you...
AMPC	It is profitable for you...	TLB	It is best for you...

John 14:12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Summary: The Holy Spirit is for our benefit, for our good, for our advantage; it is best for us to have the Holy Spirit in us and with us. The Holy Spirit is the source of Jesus' miracles and He is now in us to do the same works that Jesus did!

2. What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

John 16:7 (AMP) But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

The Holy Spirit is the power & presence of God in us enabling us to be who God made us to be.

foolishness → wisdom	weakness → strength
bondage → freedom	deception → truth
defeat → victory	sin → righteousness
alienated → belonging	death → life

The Holy Spirit is for you! The Holy Spirit is on your side! The Holy Spirit is encouraging & positive!

John 16:8-11 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

1. Sin: the sin of not believing in Jesus...the only unforgiveable sin...to deny the Holy Spirit's testimony that Jesus is Lord and Messiah.
2. Righteousness: our sin is forgiven...no condemnation...we are sons & daughters of God!
3. Judgment: the devil is defeated! Sin is defeated! Death is defeated!

The Holy Spirit is not an accuser, prosecutor or condemner!
The Holy Spirit is the voice and presence of truth in you!

John 16:13 And when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth.

The Holy Spirit highlights who you are in God...in order to free you from a sin consciousness and instill in you a Son (Jesus) consciousness.

John 16:14-15 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Summary: The Holy Spirit is awakening us to who we are in Christ and empowering us to be transformed into the image of Christ...we are becoming who we already are!

Life Group Discussion

1. Discuss this week's memory verse:
Acts 1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses.
2. Why is it better and best for us to have the Holy Spirit in us and with us as opposed to Jesus being present again on the earth?
3. How has the Holy Spirit helped, encouraged, taught or led you in the past?
4. Are you filled with the Holy Spirit? How has the baptism of the Holy Spirit made a difference in your life?
5. How can we learn to "walk with" or "listen to" the Spirit throughout our day?