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The Holy Spirit is Our Teacher

When Christy was pregnant with our first born, I would laugh at how frustrated she would become because so many people would give her advice on baby things. Opinions from how to stop stretch marks, to what school we should consider when they get to college, and everything in between, was thrown at her. I guess there is something about a pregnant belly that releases people to come up and rub it, and add their advice. It was really funny to watch when people we didn't even know walk right up and share their personal wisdom and experience to my wife. It was even funnier to see how convinced one would be, and yet their advice completely contradicted the person before them. You find out quickly how many different philosophies there are on birthing a child and how strongly everyone holds onto their convictions.

If you think that's crazy, then I wonder how you feel about the many different philosophies people hold as to who God is. If you simply look at how many different church denominations that are in your town, then it is easy to see that there are many options on who God is out there. One day I was watching a religious channel on tv, and one preacher shared about how hot hell was. The next program the preacher shared how there was no hell. How are we ever really able to find the truth with so many different thoughts and convictions?

Do not fear; once again, Jesus comes to our rescue. He shared with us the one place that we can go to always discover the honest truth - a truth that will transform your life and a truth that will never change. Jesus tells us in John 14:16-18, *"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."* Jesus is clear that He would never leave us as orphans, children who are forced to find their own way through life, fatherless with no guide to lead them. Jesus says the Spirit of truth is here as a helper for us.

Then, in John 14:26-27 Jesus says, *"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 things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."* Do you realize that Jesus sent you a personal teacher to help instruct you on who God is?

I know that most of us desire to know the truth, and to rely on the Word of God to guide them, however, I have discovered in myself a constant pull to rely on my own understanding in interpreting scripture. The scripture is supposed to guide us through life's choices, and to instruct us in truth, yet so many Christians argue and fight over the meanings within the Word. There is only one reason for so many contradicting opinions, and that is we are not all relying on the same Teacher.

Jesus' desire is for a unified Body walking together, with the same truths working in each of us individually. The Holy Spirit is a personal teacher; He is always waiting and desiring to spend time with us. I know that some people say that God teaches us through circumstances, and although we can learn things during difficult times, we also know that God is never the cause of hard times.

Scripture tells us how the Teacher prefers to instruct us in an exact way. The Apostle Paul quotes a verse from the Old Testament in 1 Corinthians 14:20-21, "*Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature. In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord.*" The Apostle Paul is talking about speaking in tongues as a way for us to learn from the Holy Spirit, and also how tongues can be used as a sign to the unbeliever. Even with that sign, they still won't believe.

For us as believers, I want to focus on learning and understanding the benefits of prayer. The verse quoted shows an even deeper explanation of how praying in tongues is the best way to allow the Holy Spirit to be your personal Teacher of truth. Let's read from Isaiah 28:9-13, "*Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.*"

The greatest revelation that you could ever have is that you do not need to rely on your own wisdom, knowledge or experience to walk into God. You and I have been given a Teacher. Not just any Teacher, but an incredible one who knows you better than you know yourself. He will gladly spend hour after hour with you, and share with your spirit the deep truths of God. He is not repulsed by your weaknesses, but is actually there to help you overcome them. I hope to encourage you to spend more time praying in your heavenly language, and remind you that you have an incredible future with God.

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