

God, The Holy Spirit's 'Mentoring' Ministry

Introduction

- **God, The Holy Spirit (GHS)** has a ministry to the unbeliever as well as to the believer
- Unbeliever – salvation – gospel – conviction
- Believer – Mentor – reveal and guide us in the truth

1. Titles given to GHS in the Gospel of John and in the NT writings:

- **Eternal Spirit** Heb 9:14; **Spirit of Holiness** Rom 1:4; **Spirit of Glory** [GHS as part of the Godhead]
- **Spirit of Life** Rom 8:2; **Spirit of adoption** Rom 8:15 [agent of salvation]
- **Comforter** Jn 15:26; **Spirit of Truth** Jn 14:17; **Spirit of grace** 1Pt 4:14 [reveler of God's grace plan]

2. GHS is our most intimate relationship with the Godhead

- Jn 14-17 – GHS will dwell with you and in fact be in you – indwelling
- 1Cor 6:19 – indwelling GHS makes our bodies the temple of God
- Contrast to OT – Num 11:26 rest upon; Judges 6:34 come upon; Ezk 11:5 fall upon
- GHS performs His ministry from within the body of the believer

3. Ministry of GHS is a gift and down payment of the life to come.

- Lk 11:13 – GHS is given – didomi – to bestow a gift
- Eph 1:14 – given as an earnest – down pay, pledge, guarantee
 - What we experience today is only a taste of what is waiting in the life to come
 - Our experience with GHS is evidence of the reality of God's presence

4. GHS is the only source to quench the thirst of the soul.

Jn 7:37-39 – all those who thirst (desire), come (positive to Christ) and drink (faith in Christ); rivers of living water flowing out (of the soul); Ref to GHS

- Thirst is the natural desire for fulfillment that God planted in the human soul
- The only quenching for the thirst is an intimate relationship with God
- The means of receiving this relationship is by coming and believing Christ
- The mechanics of this relationship is allowing GHS to transform the heart

5. 6 verses describing the ministry of GHS

- Jn 14: 26 – teach & recall – reveal the words of Christ
- Jn 15:26-27 – witness – testify; evidence; proof – Jn 17:21-23; Eph 4:3
- Jn 16:8 – convict – confront; prove guilt - salvation
- Jn 16:13 – guide – lead; show the way – Rom 2:19; Rev 7:17 - truth
- Jn 16:13 – speak – teach; whisper – things to come
- Jn 16:13-15 – announce – detailed report – what is mine
 - GHS reveals the plan of God to the mind of the believer
 - He teaches, reminds, speaks and announces the truth to the believer
 - He leads, guides and shows the way to intimacy with the Lord

6. GHS enlightens the normal human mental faculties – enables understanding

- Eph 1:18 – enlighten the eyes of your heart that you may know – hope & riches
- photizo – to shine light – enable the eyes in the soul to see
- GHS does not give us new faculties – new brain/cells – enables reprogramming
- GHS enables the finite human mind to envision infinite spiritual phenomena
 - Brain records and processes thought through chemical & electrical means.
 - Old man beliefs/behaviors are habitual pathways formed in the neurons of the brain
 - These neural pathways are changed by rejecting old thoughts & choosing new ones
 - Volition has the power to change the mental and physical aspects of thought

7. GHS impacts our emotions through impacting our thoughts.

- Emotions – joy, happiness, contentment, grief, anger, etc.
 - GHS does not bypass the mental aspects of the soul to touch the emotion
 - GHS has a great impact on our emotions by allowing us to see heavenly visions
 - Emotionalism is the approach that sees GHS impacting only emotion
 - GHS is our teacher and mentor, our guide – He shows us the truth.