

# **Forgotten God**

**7-9-23**

John 14:26 (ESV) O/H

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 that I have said to you.

**There was a good book written several years ago by Francis Chan by this title. Also, I gave a message under this title 10 years ago. Hopefully I have learned a few things since then. Before I share my thoughts, we need to acknowledge the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. The Trinity is the word to identify God who embodies three persons who each are fully God yet are one in unity and purpose. For the Christian, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit make up the one God. As a third grader explained it to me, it is like an egg. An egg is made up of the yoke, white, and the shell. While each part is equal and necessary, all three must be present to have an egg. As Christians we most often call upon and invoke the names of God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son; as in Dear God help me or Sweet Jesus answer my prayer, etc. Last week we correctly acknowledged that the Bible is the revelation of Christ and the redemption of man. This is true because without Jesus, we do not have a Savior or salvation. However, we also see in this verse that God the Father will send us the Holy Spirit to enable us to live life here on earth. Therefore, the Holy Spirit, the Helper, is crucially important. However, the Holy Spirit often seems to be forgotten or at least neglected in our daily life. This morning we want to look at the importance and the work of the third person of the trinity, THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**We know that the Holy Spirit came with power after Jesus' resurrection on the Day of Pentecost; Acts Chapter 2. Jesus told the disciples, and the OT predicted the coming of the Holy Spirit. Peter quoted Joel to explain the Holy Spirit coming.**

Joel 2:28 (ESV)

And it shall come to pass afterward,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

**From the very beginning of the church, the Holy Spirit was recognized as an integral part of our salvation.**

Acts 2:38 (ESV) O/H

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

**Peter clearly states that after we repent and are baptized in the name of Jesus, we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then we see that immediately after Peter receives the Holy Spirit, he is filled to carry out his ministry.**

Acts 4:8 (ESV) O/H

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders ... .."

**The cowardly Peter who denied Jesus 3 times now boldly speaks to the rulers and elders. This power and courage were foretold by Jesus and by the OT.**

Zechariah 4:6 (ESV) O/H

“Not by might, nor by power, but by MY Spirit,” declares the LORD!

**This is not human wisdom, power, or religious ritual. This power only comes by the Holy Spirit.**

**For Christians, being filled with the Holy Spirit is necessary. This not some difficult and mysterious task. The only thing a believer has to do is ASK!**

Luke 11:13 (ESV) O/H

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **HOW MUCH MORE** will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those **WHO ASK HIM!**

**Just as we desire to give good gifts to our children, God MUCH MORE desires to fill us with the Holy Spirit! All we have to do is ASK!**

**When we trust Jesus as our Savior, we receive the Holy Spirit. However, the Bible tells us to be filled and to constantly fan into flame the gift God gave us.**

2 Timothy 1:6 (ESV) O/H

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

**Fanning into a flame and being filled with the Holy Spirit are descriptively portrayed in Ephesians 5:18.**

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV) O/H

And do not get drunk with wine but be filled with the Spirit!

**“Being filled” is crucial in the biblical doctrine of the Holy Spirit. In the original language, this statement is an imperative and makes clear this is a command for all Christians. It is also in the present tense which *points to a continuous replenishment. It literally means, “go on being filled”*.**

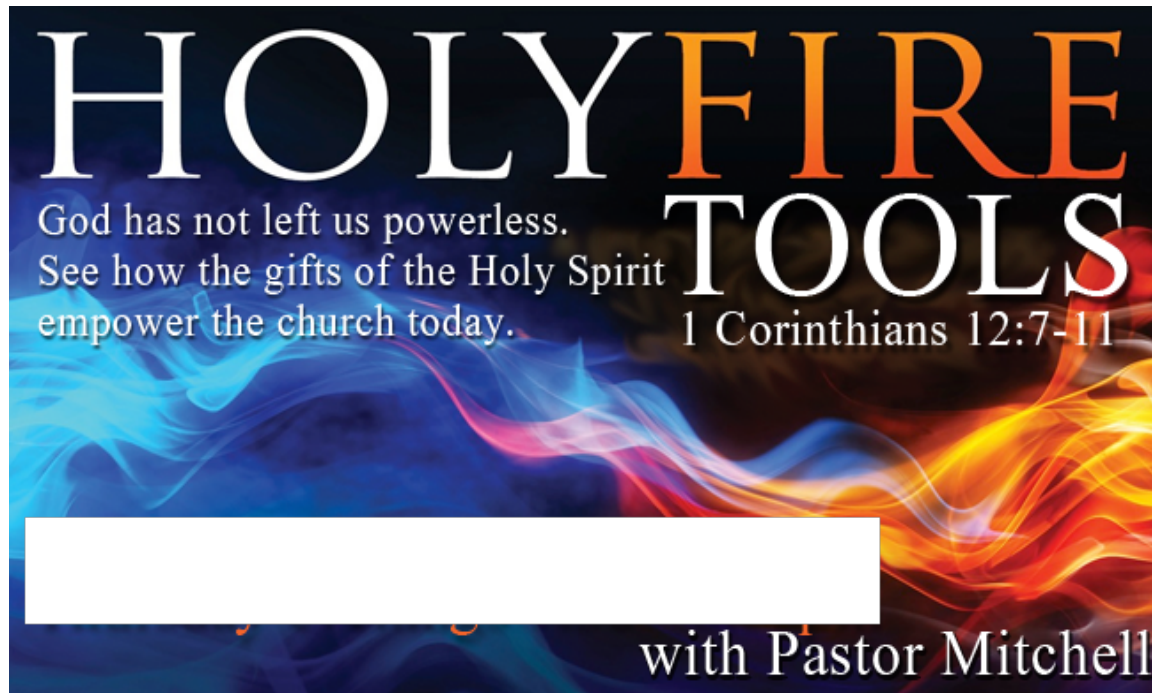
**Never forget that Jesus is the main thing, but at the same time remember that it is also crucial to embrace the Holy Spirit to be able to powerfully live out the Christian life. The Holy Spirit transforms us into the image of Christ and gives us Spiritual gifts to guide and empower us. **All we have do is ASK!** If you would like to know more about the Holy Spirit, I encouraged you to attend the Alpha Class.**



**THE ALPHA COURSE**

**Alpha is an excellent overview of the Christian faith and I personally believe it includes the best presentation of the Holy Spirit that I have ever heard. Class starts October 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Also, I also teach a class called “Holy Fire Tools” on the Gifts of the Spirit. Please forgive my boldness, but I believe this class is as good as anything else you can find on the subject. If anyone is interested let me know.



**Closing, do not forget or neglect the Holy Spirit. Praying for someone to receive the Holy Spirit or to be Filled with the Holy Spirit is a legitimate Biblical prayer. That is why it is include in The Great Commission.**

Matthew 28:18–19 (ESV) O/H

And Jesus came and said to them, Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Let us ASK to be filled with the Holy Spirit or to fan into flame that gift previously given us? Come Holy Spirit Come!**