

Welcome the Spirit of Truth

Perhaps you've been wondering what our friendly, neighborhood "Skit Guys" have been up to lately? Well, let's go take a look in on them today.

["Pentecost" video]

Well. I guess that once they resolve their "tong" dispute, they'll be just fine again! But they're truly right about the reason Holy Spirit came. He is the very Spirit, the very spiritual "embodiment" of the Truth, while Christ Jesus is the very physical "embodiment" of the Truth. Holy Spirit is the very presence of Father God, Whose presence is also carried physically in totality by Lord Jesus. By virtue that Lord Jesus paid the penalty for our sin, exchanging His perfect righteousness for our total depravity, we now carry His righteousness as we're covered in His blood that doesn't just cover, but washes clean, deletes all our sin, eliminating all trace, as if we had never, ever sinned! Father God has no memory of our sin, because, Christ Jesus' took our punishment, the sin no longer exists, and the very memory of it Father God has dropped into the sea of forgetfulness, the very memory of that vileness never again soiling the thoughts of His heart of love.

Holy Spirit is the Divine Comforter, Life Giver, Teacher, Guide. He is very God living right inside of us. Try to imagine it.

The very Creator of All Things, and ourselves, is Himself living within us. As He always intended from before the beginning of time. There is no limit to His love, and He wants to cherish and hold close to Himself each and everyone of us. He wants to pour out His Spirit-love without measure to each of us. Yet, for various reasons, we hold Him back. Of course when we sin, and then after Holy Spirit reveals to us our fall from His glorious perfect living, and we finally repent, we're yet again restored to fellowship with Him. But in this earthly life, we're never in complete, full fellowship with Holy Spirit because we never fully open ourselves up to Him. We're always, consciously and unconsciously holding parts of ourselves back; back from Him and even back from ourselves!

Why is this? Well, God has told us why. Holy Spirit taught us this most famously through the prophet Jeremiah in 17:9: ““The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?” (NASB). We're more than capable of deceiving others right and left. But we also deceive ourselves, consciously and unconsciously, sometimes so deeply we're completely unable to see it. So the Bible also shows us how to deal with our self deception. King David prayed in Psalm 139:23-24, as just one example to us: “God, I invite Your searching gaze into my heart. Examine me through and through; find out everything that may be hidden within me. Put me to the test and sift through all my anxious cares. See if there is any path of pain I'm walking on, and lead me back to Your glorious, everlasting way—the path

that brings me back to You”. And the Spirit of Truth will reveal everything that is amiss within us, in our self-understanding. But He can’t do it all at once. Because we can’t deal with all of it all at once. So much of our self understanding, self image, standards of self behavior have developed and evolved over the many years of our lives. The devil and his demonic entities work overtime to sow seeds of discord, disinformation, and duplicity everywhere we go and everywhere we look. Just look at the transgender madness afflicting so many, as the most blatant, obvious example of self deception in our world today. It used to be rightly identified as a mental illness, but now, as the powerbrokers in our society have also deceived themselves, it’s deemed perfectly natural, healthy and good! Lies, lies, all of it, another pack of lies.

We can all think of many more lies in today’s world. Among Christians who should know better, again rearing its hideous head is antisemitism; in some churches euphemistically termed “replacement theology”. No, Christians have not replaced the Jews as God’s Chosen People. Proven among hundreds of Biblical references, just look at today’s lesson from Ezekiel 37. Who can rationally deny that God through Ezekiel was not prophesying the rebirth of Israel as a nation? No one unless they’re self-deceived.

These are just two examples. The government has been brazenly lying for decades. Our educational institutions have been flagrantly teaching us lies. Our scientific and medical establishments, too. Our judges and courts have been swept up in the

world of lies that claims it's truth. We are swimming in an ocean of deceptions. Holy Spirit is waking us up, little by little, to realize that we need to swim up to the surface toward the Spirit of Truth to truly seek His guidance and instruction as to what is really real, as opposed to the gigantic, seemingly all-encompassing construct of lies that life in this world demands. For nearly everything we've assumed is truth in our recent history, and increasingly ancient history as well, is lies from the devil. All to make God's people as miserable and weak as possible; to kill as many of us as he can through abortion and a myriad array of other diabolical means. All to inflict as much pain and suffering on God's loving heart as he can. But he doesn't, never, has the last word. God knows exactly what the devil's trying to do, and God has him checkmated already from before the beginning of time. The devil certainly realizes this, but he knows not when and how God will lay the hammer down. So let's now pray in a song. If you know it, join in.

["Breathe On Us" music video]

So what do we do now? The world is downright depressing! Just stop participating in this world of lies. Question everything. And ask the Teacher, the Divine Encourager, the Spirit of Truth to come into us, revealing more and more truth that we can live victoriously in spite of the degradation and decaying of this world. Now, let's pray again, in unison, repeating every phrase as it appears on screen, as the concluding prayer of this message.

["Holy Spirit Prayer" video]

