

Daily Devotional by Dr. Gloria P. Holmes

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"Gateway to God's Glory in the Midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic"

"THE HOLY SPIRIT"

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." St. John: 14:26

I am simply amazed over and over at the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Godhead, also known as the Trinity: (1) God, the Father; (2) Jesus Christ, our Savior; and (3) the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, sometimes called the Holy Ghost, performs many functions. In our scripture today, we see that He is the Comforter or the Counselor, the term used in some translations. We see that He teaches us and that He brings God's Word back to our remembrance. In John 16:13, Jesus says: **"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come."** It is very important that we learn to listen to the Holy Spirit and follow where He guides us. There have been numerous times when the Holy Spirit has led me so directly and specifically to provide answers to questions I have pondered. He has taught me things I needed to know and brought scriptures back to my mind just at the right time to fit the situations I found myself in. We can know that God is always taking care of us as the Spirit guides us. However, I Thessalonians 5:19 gives us some important information and a warning: **"Do not quench the Spirit."** Because we certainly need the power of the Spirit to operate in our lives, we must be careful not to extinguish Him.

We must remain in close fellowship with God so that we can hear His still, small voice when He speaks. (1 Kings 19:12) Whether dealing with a crisis or desiring answers to life's dilemmas, the Holy Spirit resides in every believer, (I Corinthians 12:3) and He seals us until the Day of Redemption. "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, (14) who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of His glory." (Ephesians 1:13-14) What great news!



Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for sending us the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:26 informs us that the Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. How blessed we are that even when we do not know what to pray for, the Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans. We are so grateful! Amen!

How will you respond to today's message?
