

A DEVOTIONAL SERIES ON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES YOU

John 16:13 “When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth . . .”

Debbie and I often use a travel guide when touring a new location. We have found we see so much more as well as learn information from the guide we would never have found on our own. An example was using a tour guide of the Grand Canyon on our third trip there. We certainly saw and learned a lot on the first two occasions, but having the tour guide on the third visit, we realized how much we had literally missed, even when looking at virtually the same points of interest. Knowing exactly where to look, having the right equipment and the guide’s wealth of knowledge made all the difference in the world.

In John 16:13 Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit being sent to His followers. He says, “When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. . .” The Greek word translated with the English word “guide,” is defined as “to lead as a travel guide.” Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit to “guide” His disciples (and you) to know how His death and resurrection applied to the Church and Pentecost which would soon occur. The Holy Spirit would lead them and all believers into a clearer understanding of God’s truth as they make their way into the future. (Lutheran Study Bible)

St. Paul wrote, “The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:14) Remember Jesus’ words in John 14:18, “I will not leave you as orphans.” With the Holy Spirit guiding (leading) you, you will learn, know and see all. You will not be on your own but will have a guide that knows exactly where to lead you, give you understanding of God’s word and teach you it’s absolute truth. What the Holy Spirit reveals to you will never change. As Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) so is His word. (John 17:17)

“. . .the Holy Spirit will guide you.” (John 16:13)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, lead me through the Gospel to the truth that my heavenly Father grants me everlasting life through faith in His Son Jesus. Lead me to this faith. Keep me in this faith for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.
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