

Hello! This is Dorothy -

How are you today? I am praying for you. I would like you, please, to just turn in **John's Gospel, chapter 15**, as we look at **verses 26 and 27**.

26 But when the Comforter -that is God the Holy Spirit - is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. I do not think we realize that it is all about Jesus. It is all about His witness. It is all about what He is doing. From God's point of view, that is how He sees all the work going on planet earth that is done in the Name of Jesus.

There is a wonderful section at the very end of **Matthew's Gospel**. You probably know it, but I am going to refer to it again. Our Lord said in **chapter 18 -**

18 All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end

of the world.

I think somehow we take that and we think we are going to wrap it up and run a new program. We think nobody has quite turned it out the way that we can and we miss the fact that it is Christ, who has the program and the power, who wants to do it through us by the Person of His Holy Spirit. This is a divine Person.

You know, in the Old Testament, we realize there was the mention of God the Holy Spirit, but in those sections, we read how He came upon those whom He would that they should speak or do something for Him. It was not the Holy Spirit coming *in*; it was the Holy Spirit coming *upon*.

When our Lord was here on earth, He taught His disciples that they could receive the Spirit through prayer to the Father. That is mentioned in **Luke 11:13**. But at the close of His ministry, Jesus promised He would Himself pray the Father, and in answer to His prayer, the Comforter - *that is God the Holy Spirit* - would come and would abide. You know, it was on the evening of His resurrection that the Lord came to the disciples in the upper room and . . . **he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)** He then instructed them that they should wait for this special work and filling of the Holy Spirit. He had to go for the Holy Spirit to

do this work in and through the believer.

The Church of Jesus Christ is a mystery of which Christ is the Head. It is His Body and His Bride. Do you realize it is His building? In other words, it is all about His indwelling life, the thing that unites us is Christ within us. It was as the Holy Spirit was given on the great day of Pentecost that the whole of the believers realized that this Holy Spirit was being imparted to them, and would effect the entire Church age. This was the birthday of the Church! This is amazing, this work of the Holy Spirit, God the Holy Spirit. Also, when we come into Christ, we are born of the Spirit; we are indwelt by the Spirit, whose presence makes this very body of mine a temple for the Lord. Also, we are baptized by the Spirit by Christ, we are told, and we are **sealed** for God by His Spirit. **(Ephesians 1:13).**

Do you understand that there is one baptism into Him and many fillings? This is a very simple fact. God means us to be filled full of Him. That is normal Christian living. Now, take that again. Anything less than that is abnormal Christian living. “Oh,” you say, “you are not talking about the church I go to and what I do and the service I give to God and the money I give Him.” No. I do not find that this statement has any impact, because it has to be what Christ does in all those areas. It will be the handing of a glass of water to somebody, which we will have long since forgotten, but when the Holy Spirit does

it through us, it counts for eternity. Therefore, it is the purpose of the Lord that there should be many fillings. We are told in **Ephesians chapter 1: 13-14.** and again in **5:18,** it is speaking of . . . **be filled with the Spirit.** It is a continuous need to be freshly infilled by His Spirit.

Are you full of His Spirit? “Well,” you say, “I was, up to five minutes ago, and something happened.” Well, then make it right: ask for the fresh infilling. You cannot go on without the fresh infilling, because you will just add to more of the self, more of what you are doing that is out of what the Spirit would do through you. Do you understand that you can be a great hindrance if you do not let the Spirit of the Lord do that work through you? Begin to see it is all about His work, and that there is an adequate provision through God, the Holy Spirit, if you ask Him to fill afresh and do that work that He gets all the glory through you.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.