

THE PRESENCE AND PROVIDENCE
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
VARIOUS SCRIPTURES

INTRODUCTION

This is part 3 in our series on the Holy Spirit and the promise, person, presence and power of Him. This time more on His Presence and Providence: His foreseeing care and guidance and interaction with humanity. Within Christianity we talk a lot about the Kingdom of God/Heaven. Remember it is realized when Jesus returns. The Kingdom of this world is run by the prince of this world, Satan. When someone is born again Colossians 1 tells us that the Father translates them into the Kingdom of the Son of His love. They run parallel right now and it will always be much smaller than the kingdom of this world. Straight is the gate, narrow is the way, and few there be that find it. It doesn't take over ... we don't take over. Jesus does.

INVOLVEMENT IN SALVATION

See **Matthew 20** and the parable of the vineyard. In this parable we are shown a picture of a vineyard and hired help. The Holy Spirit is stirring people to be laborers for His harvest. See also **John 16:7-11**, and **John 4**. He reproves the sin of unbelief, of righteousness, and the judgement of Satan (the defeat of Satan!). Apart from the Holy Spirit we would not know these things. He lets us know these things through the Church also acts as an independent agent. We see this with Muslims these days through dreams.

REGENERATION, ILLUMINATION

Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit would be in them. Read **Titus 3:6**. Salvation cannot be of works. It can only be through the Holy Spirit. This requires a new birth, much like how the New Heaven and the New Earth are referred to. We see the prodigal in **Luke 15:17**, he decides to take that step to go to his father and confess his sins. You have to make that decision and that is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the only illuminator. This is not from intelligence. Everything we enjoy and understand about God comes as a result of spiritual enabling.

CONSIDER

Take a look at **Romans 8:26, 27**. Here we see how the Spirit intercedes for us. He knows God's people inside and out. Even when you do not know what you need, He does. He also knows our weakness! Spiritual and moral weakness that must be overcome. Some say the Holy Spirit sympathizes: when we groan, He groans. Take time today to just get before the Lord, and let the Holy Spirit minister to your weakness, and let Him search you and know you. We can thank Jesus for ascending and coming through with His promise to send the Holy Spirit.

PRAY...

*For the Holy Spirit to do His perfect work in us, and through us.

*For the Word of God to take root in our hearts, that our devotion life would be full.

*Pray for our government leaders, and the state of our country.