

Our Relationship with: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

- *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. James 4:8*

Drawing Near to God - Jas 4:8

- **Enoch** *walked with God and he was not for God took him* Gen. 5:24
- **Noah** *“found favor” in his sight* Gen. 6:8
- **Abraham** *“my friend”* Isa. 41:8; Jas. 2:23
- **Moses** *“faithful in all my house”* Heb. 3:5
- **David** *“man after God’s own heart”* 1S. 13:14
- **Daniel** - *“You are greatly beloved”* Dan. 10:11
- **Job** *“None like him in the earth”* Job 1:8
- **God is no respecter of persons** Acts 10:34
- If we draw near to God can we have it too?

Reconciliation is for all

*Now all things are of God, who has **reconciled** us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the **ministry of reconciliation**, 19 that is, that God was in Christ **reconciling** the world to Himself, **not imputing their trespasses** to them, and has **committed to us the word of reconciliation** 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, **be reconciled to God.** 2Cor 5:18-20*

Reconciliation

- *katallasso* **reestablish proper friendly interpersonal relations after these have been disrupted or broken** (the component features of this series of meanings involve:
 - (1) disruption of friendly relations because of
 - (2) presumed or real provocation,
 - (3) overt behavior designed to remove hostility
 - (4) restoration of original friendly relations) –
- ***‘to reconcile, to make things right with one another, reconciliation.’*** Lou & Nida

How Does God Feel About Us?

- *As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. Ps. 103:13*
- *And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. Gen. 6:6-7*
- *"How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I set you like Zeboiim? My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred. Hos. 11:8*

Grief is a Strong Sign of Love

- *Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" 37 And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jn 11:35-39*

What about the Holy Spirit

- Do we see our relationship to Him as we do God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ?
- *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. Jn. 14:16-18*
- *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26*

parakletos, lit., "**called to one's side**," i. e., to one's aid, is primarily a verbal adjective, and suggests the capability or adaptability for giving aid. It was **used in a court of justice to denote a legal assistant, counsel for the defense, an advocate; then, generally, one who pleads another's cause, an intercessor, advocate**, as in 1 John 2:1, of the Lord Jesus. **In the widest sense, it signifies a "succorer, comforter."** Christ was this to His disciples, by the implication of His word "another (*allos*, "another of the same sort," not *heteros*, "different") Comforter," when speaking of the Holy Spirit, John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7

Our Fellowship with the Holy Spirit

- *But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Rom 8:9-11*

It Begins when We were Baptized

- *Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:3-7*

The New Birth of Baptism

- *But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, Titus 3:4-7*

Our Relationship with Him

- We are to be keenly aware of this relationship. We are commanded not to grieve Him.
- *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Eph. 4:30-31*
- *lupeo – to make sorrowful; to affect with sadness, cause grief; to throw into sorrow:*
- *(Thayer's Greek Lexicon, 3076*

Do We See the Implications

- Our family work and church relationships will be affected by our behavior.
- I can give joy, admiration and comfort
- I can give pain, sorrow and loss.
- My successes bring joy and happiness
- Failure brings sorrow, grief, disappointment
- In the same way the Holy Spirit as our other comforter loves us so deeply and tenderly that our actions bring grief and sorrow.

It is Very Important we Understand

in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,-- in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of (God's) own possession, unto the praise of his glory. Eph 1:13-14

Progression:

heard the word of truth the gospel of your salvation.

(Peter's sermon in Acts 2 or 10; Eunuch; Saul; etc.)

You Believed

You were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise

(it is passed on from generation to generation through the Word of God)