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TO GIVE AND BE GIVEN – LESSON 14

HOLY SPIRIT

Following the Passover “Last supper,” Jesus, knowing that He would soon be leaving His disciples to be on their own, made them a promise of a gift to “be given” to help them day by day.

In John 14:16 (KJV) Jesus said, ***“and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the (Holy) Spirit...”***. Jesus had been their “comforter,” but now that He was departing, he said (v. 18, ***“I will not leave you comfortless.”***)

The gift of the Holy Spirit is imparted to every true born-again believer. Holy Spirit is our counselor, teacher, revealer of the Word, revealer of secrets, our anointing, the One who strengthens us in Christ (Phil 4:13), and who abides with us day by day. He is Almighty God, the divine Spirit. He is God with us and within us.

What greater gift could God give a believer than His Spirit? The greatest gift given is that of salvation to the unbeliever, but the greatest gift to the believer is God’s own Holy Spirit.

That is not to be confused with the gifts of the Spirit which can be given to those baptized in the Holy spirit; that is a separate subject, for not everyone receives these gifts. However, everyone does receive the Holy Spirit at salvation as their “comforter” to abide in them.

God has given you His gift of a “Helper” to guide you and assist you every day of your life.