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Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

“Who is the Holy Ghost?” – January 6, 2019

Lesson – “Comforter”

Scriptures – John 14:14-18

Introduction to lesson

Have you ever needed a friend to comfort you in a special time of need? You may be going through a difficult time in your life and need someone to lend you a shoulder to cry on or a listening ear. Maybe you need someone who can give you some much needed advice. In today’s lesson, we will see that Jesus did not leave us alone without a comforter and friend to talk to and provide help. He said, “I will not leave you as orphans” (v. 18). He promised he would never leave us alone in our times of trouble “even unto the end of time” (Matthew 28:20).

Key Verse: “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever” (John 14:16).

Questions to Discuss:

- ✚ What did Jesus say to ask of him? (v. 14)
- ✚ What commandments did Jesus say to keep? (v. 15)
- ✚ To whom did Jesus pray? (v. 16)
- ✚ Who will send another comforter to us? (v. 16; see also John 15:26)
- ✚ How long is the comforter going to be with us? (v. 16)
- ✚ Why can’t the world receive this Spirit of Truth? (v. 17)
- ✚ Where does the Spirit of Truth live? (v. 17)
- ✚ How much does Jesus care for us? (v. 18)

Think about it:

Jesus had been with the disciples for three and half years, but now he was about to leave and knew that his disciples were going to be filled with sorrow. They needed to be consoled and comforted; so he sent the Holy Spirit to give them comfort, strength, and hope. Jesus said, “I will not leave you comfortless” (v. 18). If we will love Jesus and keep his commandments (v. 15), then we can receive this comforter whom he promised. Jesus told us to ask (v. 14). No matter what we face in our lives, we can pray asking God for his help, and the Holy Spirit who lives in us will provide peace, joy, and comfort.

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“Who is the Holy Spirit” – January 13, 2019

Lesson – “Teacher”

Scriptures – John 14:25-26

Introduction to lesson

From the moment we start Kindergarten and finish our education in college/university, we are met with new teachers each school year. Think of all the teachers you have now. Likely, you will have some completely different teachers next year. However, we have one teacher who has been exactly the same, year after year. He is the Holy Spirit. He is not only our comforter, but he is also our teacher and guide in this life, the teacher of all the things Jesus spoke (v. 25). He is the one who will bring all the things that Jesus said to our remembrance (v. 26). He will guide us into all truth if we will only listen and obey (John 16:13).

Key Verse: “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26).

Questions to Discuss:

- + Which things did Jesus speak about? (v. 25)
- + Who is the comforter? (v. 26)
- + Who is our teacher? (v. 26)
- + How many subjects will he teach us? (v. 26)
- + What happens if you forget some of the things Jesus said? (v. 26)

Think about it: When you begin a new school year, more than likely, you will be in a new classroom, meet new people, and will have new teachers. When you come on the first day, you really don't know what to expect. You may feel nervous and shy. But isn't it exciting that we always know who will be our spiritual teacher each and every year? We have the Holy Ghost who guides us and teaches us all of the things which Jesus taught. He helps us to understand all that God expects of us. He is not a mean person, but rather he is gentle and kind. If you forget something, he won't send you to detention, but he will simply remind you of it. He will bring the words of Jesus back into your memory. What a relief to know that we have a teacher we can always count on.

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“Who is the Holy Spirit” – January 20, 2019

Lesson – “Intercessor”

Scriptures – Ephesians 6:18; Romans 8:26

Introduction to lesson

“Men should always pray and not give up” (Luke 18:1). Prayer is the lifeline of our Christian life. A Christian life without prayer is like the blood draining from your physical body, leaving you lifeless. But sometimes we don’t know how to pray. We run out of words or don’t know what words to use to speak to God. This is when the Holy Spirit comes in and prays for us unto God (Romans 8:26). The Spirit prays in the perfect will of God. Therefore, his praying is far more efficient and effective than our own prayers. Today, we will discover how and why the Spirit intercedes for us.

Key Verse: “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” (Ep. 6:18).

Questions to Discuss:

- ✚ According to Ephesians 6:18, when should we pray? (v. 18)
- ✚ What is supplication? And why should we pray in supplication? (v. 18)
- ✚ What can we pray for? (v. 18)
- ✚ Should we pray for everyone? (v. 18)
- ✚ What does the Holy Spirit do for us? (Romans 8:26)
- ✚ When you don’t know what to pray for, what do you do?
- ✚ Do you know what God’s will is for your life when you pray?
- ✚ Do you allow the Holy Ghost to intercede on your behalf?

Think about it: God has given us the Holy Ghost to be many things for us. He is our comforter, teacher, and intercessor. Sometimes our prayers and what we ask for do not meet God’s will and expectations. For this reason, the Holy Ghost is so important. He doesn’t just pray on our behalf, but he actually prays according to the perfect will of God. Although we might not understand his groaning, God knows the mind of the Spirit. He understands the utterances of the Spirit and knows exactly what we are praying when we groan, weep, and speak in tongues. For these reasons, we see how important the Spirit is in our prayer life. We need the Spirit to make intercession for us “according to the will of God” (Ro. 8:27)

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“Who is the Holy Spirit” – January 27, 2019

Lesson – “Witness”

Scriptures – Romans 8:16

Introduction to lesson

Think of a court case for a moment. If a person is trying to prove his innocence, then there has to be a witness to confirm his story, in order for the jury to believe him. When we tell others about Jesus, we are not speaking on our own. We have a convincing witness to confirm our story. In today’s lesson, we will see the importance of the Holy Ghost as our witness. The Spirit testifies of Jesus and what he has done for us. “For he shall not speak of himself” (John 16:13), but he will give testimony to believers and to the world that God’s Word is truth! Since the Holy Ghost is the life and power of our witness, we should be filled with the Holy Ghost so that we can speak the words of God with authority (Acts 1:8). When you don’t know what to say or don’t have the words to speak, Jesus said, “When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say” (Lu. 12:11-12).

Key Verse: “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children” (Romans 8:16).

Questions to Discuss:

- + Who testifies that we are God’s children? (Ro. 8:16)
- + How do we become better witnesses of Christ? (Acts 1:8)
- + How will the Spirit help us when we are witnessing? (Luke 12:11-12)
- + As God’s children, what is our responsibility in witnessing? (Acts 5:32)
- + Should we be afraid when witnessing to our friends at school?
- + Have you witnessed to someone recently? What was that experience like for you?

Think about it: Remember that the Holy Ghost has been given to us as a comforter, teacher, intercessor and a witness. Don’t forget that you have the power to be a witness of Christ to the world with the help of the Holy Ghost.

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