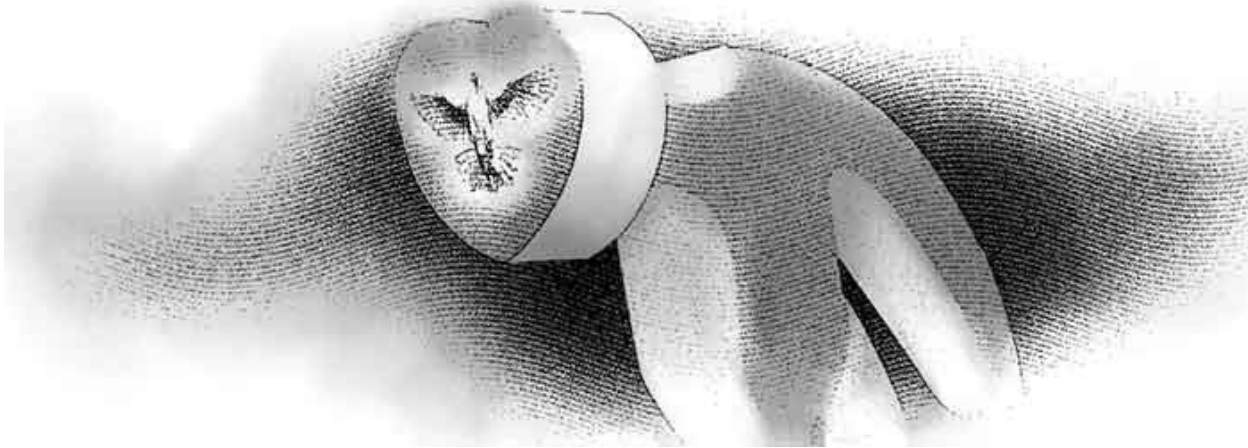




METRO NEW YORK WORLD MINISTRY
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTING NOTES
For the week of Mar 18 – Mar 24, 2017
Lesson #12: **The Holy Spirit and Spirituality**



The Work of the Holy Spirit

Main Text for The Week: *"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." (Romans 15:13, KJV).*

Read and Meditate on these Texts:

John 16:8-11; Rom. 5:10; Heb. 4:15-16; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 1 John 5:12-13; Ps. 31:24.

Main Thought for the Week: In every age after the fall of man, it has been the work of the Holy Spirit to call fallen human beings from sin to holiness, from rejection of God to fellowship, communion and friendship with Him; from being slaves of the natural impulses, selfish desires and ambitions to purity of mind and humble service to others.

The work of the Holy Spirit before Jesus came to earth, has fundamentally been what it is today, with one addition, that after the cross, the Holy Spirit now functions as Christ's representative. As Jesus represented and revealed the Father, so likewise, the Holy Spirit represents and reveals Jesus. The Holy Spirit continues to work with great intensity as He bestows special spiritual gifts upon Christian believers. This is the plan of salvation and redemption as the Triune Godhead unites to save man.

(Jesus reveals and testifies of the Father – John 1:18, John 5:36, 43, John 10:25, John 15:24)

(The Holy Spirit testifies of Jesus – John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:7, 13-14)



One inspired Christian writer states - "The Godhead was stirred with pity for the race, and the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit gave Themselves to the working out of the plan of redemption."..(Counsels on Health pg 222)

Conviction of Sin

Sunday Summary: March 19:

1. What was the most comforting Promise that Jesus gave His disciples before leaving the scene of earth John 14:16-18? _____
2. What two further instructions did Jesus give concerning the above Promise?
 - A. Matthew 28:18-20 _____
 - B. Acts 1:4, 5, 8. _____
3. **Discussion:** After the promised coming of the Holy Spirit was realized in Acts 2, did the Apostles and Believers become accusers of the brethren or did they become witnesses of Christ? (Acts 1:8; 2:33, 37-41) _____

Appeal: *Do you really sense the eternal importance of having the Holy Spirit actively working in your heart and life?* If yes, why not petition the throne of Grace earnestly, right now, that God will baptize you anew with the Holy Spirit!

PERSONAL STUDY THOUGHTS: *Jesus has called the Holy Spirit the **paraclete**, a word rich in meaning and that conveys the idea of helper, advocate, and comforter. The Holy Spirit does not enter into this important work of conviction as the accuser of the brethren or as our prosecutor. He is not sent by Jesus to condemn us but, rather, to help us see our need of grace. How do Matthew 7:3 and Romans 2:1 help us to understand this truth?* _____

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Need of Righteousness

Monday Summary: March 20:

1. In addition to convicting the world of sin, what else does the Holy Spirit convict of? (John 16:8) _____

THOUGHT: Only a sinless divine being (Holy Spirit) can bring genuine conviction of sin to the heart of sinful humanity (Acts 2:37). And only a perfectly righteous God can convict and imprint righteousness on the minds and nature of fallen humanity. There is no possibility of convincing one of righteousness (of Christ: John 16:14) until he/she understands clearly the deep rooted effect of sin and the eternal solution found in Jesus Christ (John 3:16).

2. What does the Gospel Prophet Isaiah say about our own righteousness? (Isaiah 64:6).

Discussion Question: Do you think the position you hold in church, or the sphere of influence you enjoy in your professional field of work, or even your access to material means in this life make you more righteous than the next person?

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Conviction About Judgment

Tuesday Summary: March 21:

1. What is the third great work of conviction that the Holy Spirit brings to bear on the human heart and life? (John 16:8, 11) _____

2. What specific Judgment did Jesus refer to in John 16:8, 11? Use as your reference:
 - a. John 12:31 _____

3. What are at least two other Judgments that we must be aware of?
 - a. John 12:48 _____
 - b. Revelation 14:6-7 _____

Discussion Thought: For the believer who subscribes to the righteousness of Christ by Faith (Romans 4:16), judgment is a glorious matter. This judgment we do not have to be afraid about because the Judge (God-John 8:14-18) and our Lawyer (Christ- 1 John 2:1) are both our Friends and they are on our side (Revelation 14:7), Hallelujah!

PERSONAL STUDY QUESTION: How are we to live, in light of the fact that there is a judgment going on in heaven right now (Revelation 14:6-7)? _____

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Assurance of Salvation

Wednesday Summary: March 22:

1. How do the following texts assure us of Salvation in Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit?
 - a. Romans 8:15-17 _____
 - b. 1 John 5:12 _____
 - c. 2 Corinthians 5:5 _____

2. How could you encourage a brother who struggles to believe that he is now guaranteed salvation in Jesus Christ his Lord and Saviour (Romans 5:10) _____

3. How should we daily walk as Christians who enjoy the assurance of Salvation in Christ?
 - a. (Romans 8:4-5) _____

DISCUSSION THOUGHT: Generally speaking: when you ask a Pentecostal if he is saved, he will tell you "saved, sanctified, blood-washed, holy ghost filled, tongue-speaking." Now when you ask many Seventh-day Adventists the same question, you hear very little assurance. Why should this not be so especially when we have such a message as Revelation 14:6-7?

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Holy Spirit and Hope

Thursday Summary: March 23:

1. What remarkable revelation does Paul make concerning the Holy Spirit and Hope as it relates to the believer? (Romans 5:4-5; 15:13) _____
2. The consummate Hope of the Christian of all ages is in the second coming of Christ to redeem them from the presence of sin? How does the Psalmist depict this truth? (Psalm 31:24) _____

Discussion Question: How does Hope differ from being merely optimistic? _____

Appeal: Our planet as it is today is a massive den of hopelessness for billions who do not know Christ as Saviour. Will you pray right now that God will inject **Metro New York World Ministry** with a special unction of the Holy Spirit, so that there will be renewed urgency to take the message of Salvation in Christ to greater numbers and other fields.

THOUGHT: The prayer above is extra-ordinary! Do you know why? Because it is making an extra-ordinary demand on the throne of God; and Jesus promised us that when we do that, heaven will respond without hesitation (Luke 11:13). Will you pledge right now, that as God pours His Holy Spirit on you, you will give yourself unreservedly and of your resources ungrudgingly (through this Ministry) to bring hope to the many hopeless whom we must reach urgently? _____

(Pray and Sign this as your commitment to the Holy Spirit's appeal.

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Work of The Holy Spirit

Friday Summary: March 24:

***SUMMARY THOUGHT:** The Holy Spirit works harmoniously together with God the Father and God the Son to accomplish our salvation. The Holy Spirit awakens us from our spiritual death. He leads us to an awareness of our sinfulness, and to the fact that we are in and of ourselves lost. He kindles in us the desire for change and leads us to Jesus Christ, who alone can meet the needs of our innermost being. He gives us assurance of salvation in Jesus. He keeps us faithful in our walk with God. He enables us to fulfill God's will and effectively engage in mission. He generates the Written Word of God as our safe guide and norm for our Christian life and doctrine.*

Where would we be without the Holy Spirit? (Ephesians 4:30) _____

What could we do without the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:8) _____

Appeal: Will you just say a Prayer of Thanks to God right now, that Jesus having promised, has sent the Holy Spirit to the Church and into your life. _____

Final Discussion Thought: *"The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people."* - Ellen G. White, *Ye Shall Receive Power*, p. 13.

Metro New York World Ministry expresses sincere thanks to God for the heart-searching truths that He sent us this quarter, opening up our understanding of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives and in the Church. May each family member of this Ministry which is raised up by heaven to do a great work, be focused for the awesome Mission which the Holy Spirit will accomplish through us in these last days in preparation for Jesus' glorious Return. Amen.

PERSONAL NOTES: _____

