

The Holy Spirit of Sonship

What were the disciples thinking when they sat down for their last meal together?

Jesus is talking about being the way to the Father, about going back to his Father, not leaving them alone but sending someone else (another Comforter), not leaving them as orphans.....

Maybe they felt confused, insecure, lost or about to be abandoned

Thomas and Philip help us understand exactly what was going on.

Thomas - “we don’t know where you’re going!”

Philip - “show us the Father and that will be enough”

Put our questions into words.....

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever. (John 14:16)

He is with us, he lives in us

And because the Holy Spirit lives in us we are not left as orphans

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

John 16:12-14

We can live the life of sonship as the Spirit of Sonship lives in us.

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Galatians 4 - not slaves or orphans but sons. God has put his own Spirit into our hearts so we can cry "Abba, Father!". We belong.

Romans 8 - not controlled by the sinful nature but motivated by the Spirit. We have abundant life.

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“And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” (Ezekiel 36:26-28)

A deep transformation of our hearts when the Holy Spirit takes up residence. Not just our heart and spirit that change BUT his spirit dwelling in us and causing us to do the right thing.

Holy Spirit is not just a tool box of a bag of good things.

He is the Father's very own Spirit inside us so we know we have a Father.

Elastic bridge that draws us closer and closer into Father's heart.

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The Holy Spirit of Sonship leads us into freedom.

Free from.....

Free to be.....

“When you sin, you are not free. You’ve become a slave, in bondage to your sin. And slaves have no permanent standing in a family, like a son does, for a son is part of the family forever. So if the revelation of being a son sets you free from sin, then become a true son and be unquestionably free.” (John 8:34-36 The Passion Translation)

Not facts or information, living water.

Like a magnet - sons attract, orphans
repel.

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Matthew 11:27-30 Jesus (constantly) chooses to reveal his Father in order that we can know him.

And this leads to rest...

As we live in love the Holy Spirit transforms us with love.

Takes us beyond the excitement of the encounter, beyond a simple desire for the gifts.

It leads to the fruitful life of living like Jesus - we learn the greater way of love (1 Corinthians 13)

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