

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why do many people fail to recognize sin?
2. Explain why a person led by the Spirit is not under the law?
3. Why is the word fruit in the “fruit of the Spirit” singular and not plural?
4. How is it possible to overcome the flesh?

SUMMARY:

The time of Christ’s sacrificial death was drawing near. His concern for his disciples moved him to prepare them for the coming events by informing them in advance so they could understand and accept all in faith. The coming of the Holy Spirit after his death was an important part of the plan of salvation for man. Christ explained the necessity of his departure before the Holy Spirit would come. He told His disciples the Holy Spirit would be a Comforter to them. The Holy Spirit would convict men of sin, instruct them to righteousness and warn them of coming judgment. To those who repented for their sins and received Christ, the Holy Spirit would guide in the paths of truth. Later Paul, in writing to the Galatians, explained the difference between the fruit of the Spirit and the fruit of the flesh. The two are contrary and oppose each other. Paul points out that if we walk in the Spirit (that is if we are guided by the Holy Spirit) we shall overcome the flesh and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. [\[SoF:8,9\]](#)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [\[SoF:9\]](#) We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #8

August 22, 2021

Third Quarter

THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR HELPER

LESSON TEXT: *John 16:7-15; Galatians 5:16-23*

LESSON SETTING: Christ promises the Comforter.

TIME: The first century.

- I. THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT.** John 16:7
 - A. Prophesied. Isaiah 44:3; Joel 2:28; Matthew 3:11; Luke 24:49
- II. THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT.** [\[SoF:8,9\]](#) John 16:8-15
 - A. Convict (vs. 8-9)
 - B. Teach (vs.13) Luke 12:12; John 14:26; 1 John 2:27
 - C. Guide (vs.13) Acts 10:19; 16:6
 - D. Witness to Sonship (vs. 14) Romans 8:16; 1 John 3:24; 4:13
 - E. Life-Giver. Romans 8:11; 2 Corinthians 3:6
- III. VICTORY THROUGH THE SPIRIT.** Galatians 5:16-23
 - A. Spiritual Warfare (vs. 16-17) Romans 7:23; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Timothy 6:12
 - B. Spiritual Victory (vs. 22-23) Zechariah 4:6; Luke 4:14; 1 Corinthians 2:4; Ephesians 3:16

GOLDEN TEXT: *WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, IS COME, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH.*

John 16:13

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Psalm 119:1-16

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Deuteronomy 31:9-13;
Psalm 119:42-176

QUARTERLY THEME: The Bible and The Christian Life

TOPIC: THE BIBLE, OUR GUIDEBOOK

INTRODUCTION:

Moses had the law but it had to be read to the people. They did not have it written in the form of a book as we do now. It had to be learned from memory, being taught from one generation to another. David in his psalms refers to it again and again, saying how he delighted in it. It was David's guidepost, even as it should have been for all the peoples of the Old Testament time.

We of today are still using the Bible as our guidebook. In it we find what God has done for us in giving us salvation. His promises of salvation recorded in the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ's death upon the cross and His ascension recorded in the New Testament. All is written for us—teaching us step-by-step the way of Eternal Life.

True Christians find in it the path that we should take and when confronted by problems find the solution therein. But this is only possible if we humbly, prayerfully and faithfully search for it. When weary trials are our lot we find solace for our troubled hearts. If we should err and fail, mercy and forgiveness are also there. It is truly our spiritual and material guide.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The spiritually lost, wherever they are, need the Savior.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.*

Psalm 119:105

Just as Jesus is the only “*name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12), and just as the Holy Ghost must “*guide us into all truth*” (John 16:13), so also is God's Word the only revelation of God's will to mankind. We have God's Word, manifest in His Son, revealed by His Spirit to guide us into conversion, to lead us into a new life, and finally take us from death into everlasting life.

The psalmist knew that a knowledge of God's Word would help him to stay on the path of righteousness. How beautifully he expressed his dependence on the Word of God in Psalm 119. “*Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee*” (Psalm 119:11), and also in our Golden Text where the Word is compared to a lamp, which is something which we must grasp, if we would have its light upon our path.

God offers us salvation, but we must find it in His Word, through His Son, and by His Spirit.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Aug. 23 – 29

M. *The Bible, Our Guidebook. Psalm 119:1-16
T. Teaching from the Scriptures. Psalm 119:25-40
W. Mercy Taught in the Scriptures. Psalm 119:41-56
T. Protection Through the Scriptures. Psalm 119:57-80
F. Hope in the Scriptures. Psalm 119:81-96
S. Light Through the Scriptures. Psalm 119:97-112
S. Love for the Scriptures. Psalm 119:113-128

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