The Holy Spirit Testifies to Jesus
(John 15:26)

The only person that can point us to Jesus is the Holy Spirit. Jesus said in **John 15:26, "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."** When we begin to examine the testimony of Scripture, we will discover that the Holy Spirit is the only person that gave anyone knowledge of the coming or presence of Jesus. From the very beginning it was through the Holy Spirit that Mary becomes pregnant. The scripture tells us the angel said, **"the Holy Spirit will come upon you." (Luke 1:35)** It is the Holy Spirit that descends upon Jesus immediately at His baptism. No one knew who Jesus was except the Holy Spirit. It was Elizabeth who confirmed to Mary that the she would be giving birth to Jesus who would become **"the Christ."** It was this spiritual relationship fostered by the Holy Spirit that gave John knowledge of who Jesus was at the baptism. John presents Jesus not as the one who should be baptized by him, but rather that he should be baptized by Jesus.

When we see the experience Nicodemus had with Jesus, it is clear that Nicodemus knew there was something different about Jesus. He did not know what it was and Nicodemus had to be taught by Jesus, **"unless one is born from above you cannot see the Kingdom of God." (John 3:3)** No one is able to see the things of God without being reborn of the Holy Spirit. Nicodemus was unable to recognize "Jesus the Christ" without the spiritual rebirth. The Christian Spiritual rebirth only comes from the Holy Spirit.

Our usefulness to God comes because we are led by the Holy Spirit. The reason why we can get along with each other is because the Holy Spirit gives us the strength and the desire to care about each other enough to get along. The Holy Spirit enables us to see the good in each other's idea and move them forward. It is the Holy Spirit that enables us to step out of ourselves.

All scriptures point to Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ is only made real to us by our relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit testifies of Jesus and that truth is reinforced when we read **John 1:10-11: "He was in the world, and though He was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him."** The world did recognize Jesus. The world was unable to recognize Jesus without the Holy Spirit. That which is not spiritual cannot recognize or accept the spiritual. The next verse makes it very clear: "**Yet to those who received in Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become Children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."** Again, it is the Holy Spirit that gives us a relationship with Jesus. There is no other for anyone to have a relation with Jesus unless it is by and through the Holy Spirit. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior we establish that relationship. However, we need to maintain it and cultivate it if we intend to be used by Jesus Christ to the fullest.

Paul in tells us of his experience in **Galatians 1:11-14: "I want you to know brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to**

destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers." Paul like Nicodemus did not know who Jesus the Christ was until the Spirit of Christ who is the Holy Spirit revealed Jesus to Paul. Verses 15-17: **"But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles. When this happened, I did not rush out to consult with any human being."**

It is God's Holy Spirit who reveals Jesus Christ to us. No one can know Jesus without being introduced by the Holy Spirit. It is upon that introduction that we hope all will become a Child of God.

Be blessed,

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