

April 2017 Prayer Theme

The Promise of Victory Through the Holy Spirit

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it to the praise of his glory” Eph. 1:13-14.¹

The Holy Spirit is Our Guide to Victory

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” John 14:26

God has promised us the victory in his word. To pray in the Holy Spirit is to bring all our prayers into conformity to the Word of God. Praying the Word of God will cause our prayers to be shaped by the Holy Spirit. We are to take what we know about the Spirit's will from the Word of God and saturate our prayers with it.

What is Praying in the Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the one who motivates and enables and energizes our prayer. When we pray in the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God is "guiding" how we pray and what we pray for. So, to pray in the Holy Spirit is to be moved and guided by the Holy Spirit in prayer. We pray by his power and according to his direction.

The Holy Spirit Will Guide You into All Truth.

“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” John 16:13.

We must wait on the Lord and allow Him to lead us and direct us in prayer. Allow the Spirit to lead us in what to pray.

The Holy Spirit Will Help You Pray.

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God” Rom. 8: 26 – 27.

The Benefits of Praying in the Holy Spirit.

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.” Jude vs. 20 - 21.

The Holy Spirit helps us pray when we are weak or do not know what to pray.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures are from the English Standard Version (ESV).

James 4:3 "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasure"(NIV).

Praying in the Spirit is the means by which our redeemed human spirit communicates directly with God's Spirit. Intended to be used for more than just communicating with God in prayer, it is also designed to be a power producer to enhance the operation of all the other gifts and graces of God.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask you to stir up within us the fullness of Your Holy Spirit who teaches us all things and leads us into all truth. Help us to yield to Him, so that we do not ask amiss. May we be kept in the love of God.