

Summary

- a) This session is the second of five sessions that looks at what is right about you because Christ is in you and He has transformed your spirit.
- b) As you will learn in this session, you have the Helper in you, so you don't have to wonder what to do or wander without direction. You also have the anointing in you, empowering you with God's inward presence, to accomplish whatever the Lord has called you to do. In addition, you have the Spirit of truth in you, so you don't have to be afraid of lies or worried about being deceived.
- c) Finally, you have access to the infinite mind of Christ in your spirit, allowing you to receive divine thoughts and ideas. This enables you to solve complex problems, have wisdom to know what to do, guidance to know what direction to take, and receive revelation of God's thoughts, passions, burdens, desires, strategies, plans, and purposes.

The Days of Noah

- a) Jesus said,
 - 37 For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.
 - 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,
 - 39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
 - 40 Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.
 - 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.
 - 42 Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.
 - 43 But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.
 - 44 For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will. (Matt. 24:37)
- b) Jesus said that days of His coming will be just like the days of Noah. From the world's perspective, the ungodly and the unbelieving have no clue about God's impending judgments. Even though God's judgments upon sin, evil, unrighteousness, injustice, and lawlessness are just over the horizon, the world is carrying on business as usual. They are eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage.
- c) But from the Lord's perspective, He will have a remnant who are similar to Noah. Like Noah, these will understand the times and seasons and will prepare their ark, which implies they will make themselves ready spiritually and physically for the Lord and for His coming.
- d) "Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God" (Gen. 6:9).
- e) Noah's name means "rest." Applied to what we are learning in the *Indwelling Life* class, we enter into God's rest by living from Christ's indwelling life. This is how we build our spiritual arks.
- f) 1 Peter 3:20 states, "When the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark." The Lord's highest priority was not destroying the wicked and releasing justice upon the ungodly. Instead, the Lord's number one priority was the readying of His remnant—Noah and his family.

Likewise, in our day, the Lord's highest priority is for His remnant to make themselves ready. No matter how dark and evil it gets, the Lord will not return until His bride has made herself ready.

g) As His bride, living by Christ's indwelling life is how we get ready for the Lord, our heavenly Bridegroom.

The Treasure in You

- a) Paul said, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves" (2 Cor. 4:7).
- b) As stated in the last session, you have a treasure of immeasurable wealth within you. What Paul termed a "treasure in earthen vessels" (2 Cor. 4:7). But like Ira Yates, if you are unaware of the treasure within, you will remain in spiritual poverty.
- c) On the flipside, when divine revelation enlightens you, the treasure within is unearthed, making you rich. Spiritually speaking, you are a billionaire and my goal is to help you break out of spiritual poverty and live from the power of Christ in you.
- d) Having looked at the glory in you in the last session, let's look at the guidance in you in this chapter. Specifically, the indwelling Spirit is:
 - The Helper,
 - The anointing,
 - The truth,
 - and the connection to Christ's infinite mind.
- e) Let's look at these four realities now.

The *Paraklētos*

- a) Four times in three chapters Jesus prepared the disciples for His impending departure. The Lord said He would send them the Holy Spirit, whom He called the Helper (see John 14:16; 14:26; 15:26; 16:7).
- b) The Greek word for Helper is *paraklētos* and means "called to one's side" and "suggests the capability or adaptability for giving aid."
- c) *Paraklētos* was used in a court of justice to denote a legal assistant or counsel for the defense.
- d) In a general sense, *paraklētos* is one who pleads another's cause, such as an intercessor or an advocate.
- e) In the widest sense, *paraklētos* is one who gives help in times of need, distress, or difficulty.

The Helper

- a) The indwelling Spirit is the Helper, the *paraklētos*, who has been called to your side.
- b) He is fully capable of assisting you in whatever area you need help, whether in a business decision, a personal crisis, a family issue, or a ministry situation.
- c) The indwelling Spirit is your guide, so you don't have to wonder what to do or wander without direction.
- d) Let's take a moment and look at the four verses where Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the Helper.
 1. In John 14:16, we see that the Helper is another one (*allos*) who is just like Jesus.

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.”

2. In John 14:26, we see that the Helper teaches you all things—both secular and sacred—and He brings to your remembrance what Jesus said.

“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 said to you.”

3. In John 15:26, we see that the Helper reveals Jesus to you, and He empowers you to testify of Him.

“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me.”

4. And in John 16:7, we see that it’s more advantageous for you to have the Helper dwelling in you than to have walked with Jesus for three-and-a-half years.

“But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.”

How the Helper Helps

- a) Perhaps you lack understanding of a biblical truth, feel as though you are unable to effectively speak, write, or teach others about the gospel, or lack the know-how for some home improvement project (I speak from personal experience). The indwelling Spirit has all the answers you need and is more than willing to assist when you ask Him for help.
- b) The indwelling Spirit is your greatest supporter. He helps you bear the weight of every responsibility and keeps you from being overwhelmed.
- c) The Helper strengthens you so you do not fall, sink, slip, or shudder when you face trials.
- d) The indwelling Spirit is more than ready to come to your aid. He is just waiting for you to humble yourself and ask Him for help.
- e) As your Helper, the Holy Spirit is your greatest encourager and is devoted to making you an overcomer and champion.
- f) When you are weak, the Helper inside of you gives you strength.
- g) When you lack wisdom, the Helper inside of you whispers, “This is the way; walk in it.”
- h) When you feel anxious or depressed, the Helper inside of you calms your nerves and gives you unspeakable joy.
- i) When you lack creative or innovative strategies, the Helper inside of you empowers you to know the best way forward.
- j) When some besetting sin keeps getting the best of you, the Helper inside of you gives you power to overcome and walk in true holiness.
- k) The Helper gives you favor, strength, support, wisdom, and the right words at the right time. He assists you in whatever Jesus has called you to do.
- l) Whether you are a mother or father, a husband or wife, an employee or minister, the Helper gives you the ability to succeed if you ask Him for His help. All it takes is a simple “Holy Spirit, please help me” prayer.

The Anointing in You

- a) Not only is the indwelling Spirit your helper, but He is also the anointing within you.
- b) The Hebrew word *mashach* means “to smear, anoint, spread a liquid.” It is where we get the term anoint and anointing.
- c) In the Old Testament, certain individuals were anointed with oil, setting them apart for some type of special service to God.
 - Priests, prophets, and kings, for example, were all anointed with oil before they began functioning in their office.
 - Even the tabernacle and all the furniture were anointed with oil before becoming the meeting place between God and the nation of Israel.
- d) To be anointed not only meant God hand selected someone for a special function, but He also empowered them for the task or position.

Jesus Is the Anointed One

- a) Jesus is known today as Jesus Christ. However, Christ is not His last name. Jesus was not born of Mary and Joseph Christ.
- b) The Greek word Christ, like the Hebrew word Messiah, means anointed.
- c) Jesus is the anointed One who came to save us from our sins, destroy the yoke of the devil, usher in a new creation, and rule the nations as King of kings and Lord of lords.
- d) Jesus said the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him and the Holy Spirit anointed Him to preach the gospel, heal the brokenhearted, set the captives free, give sight to the blind, and provide liberty to the oppressed (see Luke 4:18-19).
- e) Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and He “went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil” (Acts 10:38).

Every Believer Has the Anointing in Them

- a) In the Old Testament, only a select few were anointed, such as prophets, priests, and kings. In the New Testament, however, every single believer has the anointing inside of them.
- b) “As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you,” wrote John, “and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him” (1 John 2:27).
- c) Just as the anointing rested upon the Old Testament prophets, priests, and kings, you have the anointing inside of you. Your spirit has been rubbed with the anointing oil of the Holy Spirit, and you have been set apart for God’s exclusive use.
- d) Not only is the famous prophet, apostle, evangelist, or worship leader anointed, you are anointed.
- e) This means the Spirit teaches you all things, reveals to you the mysteries of the Bible, and unveils the depths of God’s heart.
- f) The anointing inside of you even teaches you about the ordinary things of life, such as how to use a computer; how to do your job better; and how to be a better mother, father, husband, or wife.

- g) This doesn't mean you don't need teachers. It does mean, however, you don't need to depend on teachers. The indwelling Spirit is the only One you should rely on.
- h) The indwelling anointing empowers you to do whatever God has called you to do. Whether it is playing the drums, programing a computer, consulting multi-million-dollar businesses, preaching, or serving as a politician.
- i) No matter how great or small the task, the anointing within you empowers you to do it.
- j) Learn to draw on the anointing inside of you to accomplish the tasks Christ has assigned to you.

Don't Be Deceived

- a) When the disciples asked Jesus about the end times, the first thing He said was "take heed that no one deceives you" (Matt. 24:4 NKJV).
- b) Deception is rampant and is on the increase as we approach the second coming of Jesus.
- c) These days in America, it's almost impossible to know the truth. The country is sharply divided between red and blue states. Politics has polarized everything. And the media has become a propaganda machine. I can hardly stomach the news anymore because everything is twisted and spun to fit the narrative of the elite.
- d) Perhaps you felt like me when the coronavirus pandemic hit. It was a major challenge to find the truth. I certainly didn't trust the narrative spewed out by the mainstream media nor did I believe the extreme conspiracy theories popularized on social media.
- e) Both the Left and the Right took this crisis and wove in their narrative, making it virtually impossible to know the truth about the real number of coronavirus cases, whether masks were effective or not, and the true efficacy of the vaccine.
- f) I am certainly not trying to spotlight controversial topics in this session. I am merely stressing, as Scripture poignantly declares, we have reached the time when truth is flung to the ground (see Dan. 8:12).
- g) And as heartbreaking, confusing, and even discombobulating as this is, the world will only get worse as we approach the end of the age.
- h) The deception in the end times will be so strong many believers will fall away from the faith into spiritual apostasy (see 2 Thess. 2:3). Perhaps this is why many believers in the Western world are presently deconstructing their faith. Only those who love the truth will escape the strong delusions coming upon the earth.

The Spirit of Truth in You

- a) Even though some would label this doom-and-gloom thinking, I have really great news for you. Because the Holy Spirit has been grafted to your spirit, you have the truth within you.
- b) The indwelling Spirit is the truth, so you don't have to be afraid of lies.
- c) Jesus told the disciples, and by implication us, "When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you" (John 16:13-14).
- d) The indwelling Spirit is the Spirit of truth. And Jesus assured us the Spirit of truth will guide us into all the truth.

- e) This means you don't have to fear deception or worry about being misled in the end times. If you will learn to lean into, rely upon, and trust the indwelling Spirit, you don't have to fear deception, lies, and being misled.

How the Spirit of Truth Speaks

- a) If you will look inside yourself, deep into your spirit where the Spirit of truth resides, you will be taught the truth directly by the Lord. "Your ears will hear a word . . . 'This is the way, walk in it,' whenever you turn to the right or to the left" (Isa. 30:21).
- b) The Spirit of truth in your spirit speaks whatever He hears from Jesus and the Father. Like Jesus in His earthly ministry, the Spirit of truth does not speak on His own initiative but only speaks whatever He hears.
- c) How does the Spirit of truth, who knows the deepest things in God's heart (see 1 Cor. 2:10), speak to you? Paul said the Spirit speaks by "combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words" (1 Cor. 2:13).
- d) A better translation of *combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words* is *joining spiritual to spiritual*. This in mind, here's my paraphrase of this statement. The Holy Spirit communicates *spiritual truths by spiritual means*.
- e) The spiritual truths are the deep thoughts of God's heart, and the spiritual means is through your spirit-to-Spirit union with the Holy Spirit.
- f) The Holy Spirit transmits His thoughts, words, whispers, and revelations to your spirit. Then your spirit instantly communicates this to your heart and mind through spiritual thoughts. This is how you gain spiritual understanding of what the Spirit is saying.

The Spirit of Truth Reveals the Future and Glorifies Jesus

- a) Not only does the indwelling Spirit speak truth in your spirit, but He also reveals "what is to come" (John 16:13).
- b) This means every single believer—no matter whether Pentecostal, Baptist, Presbyterian, or charismatic—should expect the indwelling Spirit to reveal tidbits of the future to them. These Spirit-led whispers of what is to come are true, and you can trust what He speaks.
- c) In addition to speaking the truth and revealing the future, the Holy Spirit's favorite activity is glorifying Jesus. The Lord said the Spirit of truth "will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you" (John 16:14).
- d) If Jesus is not being glorified in a church service, conference, worship time, sermon, or book, you have to question if the Holy Spirit is truly empowering it.
- e) No matter how gifted, talented, or seemingly "anointed" something might appear, the true gauge of the Holy Spirit's activity is whether or not Jesus is glorified.
- f) The Spirit of truth, who dwells within you, is passionate about giving you revelation of the glorious and majestic Messiah.
- g) The indwelling Spirit loves to glorify Jesus, taking the hidden and mysterious truths of Jesus and communicating them to you.

Access to the Mind of Christ

- a) Because of the indwelling Spirit, you have direct access to the mind of Christ. Paul said, “For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16).
- b) Let the last phrase sink in. *We have the mind of Christ. Wow!*
- c) Is this really for real? I am a preacher and I know we preachers are prone to exaggeration. So, is Paul using hyperbole to get our attention, maybe stretching the truth just a little to make his writing more interesting? Did Paul’s adrenaline kick in as he started to write and perhaps enlarged reality just a bit? Or is it really true? Do you and I have direct access, by the indwelling Spirit, to the mind of Christ?
- d) Of course, if you believe all Scripture is divinely inspired and breathed out by the Spirit of God, like I do, then the answer is yes. What Paul said is absolutely true.
- e) I know it’s sublime—almost too hard to believe. Nevertheless, it’s true. You have access to the mind of Christ in your spirit.

Explaining the Unexplainable

- a) This is such a mind-blowing, circuit-exploding reality words fail to describe. But I will at least try, using human language, to do the impossible and attempt to articulate what is truly transcendent: frail human beings like us have direct access to the mind of Christ in our spirits.
- b) To begin my explanation, notice the small caps used by the NASB translation: “WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM?” The small caps, unlike a text message or social media post, doesn’t mean Paul was screaming to his audience. The NASB translators used this to indicate Paul was quoting from Isaiah 40:13.
- c) To fully absorb the astonishing truth that you have the mind of Christ, let’s look at this passage in Isaiah 40:13 where Isaiah prophesied,

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and marked off the heavens by the span, and calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, and weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills in a pair of scales? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has informed Him? With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge and informed Him of the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales. (Isa. 40:12-15)

- d) This passage, perhaps like no other, articulates the majestic transcendence of the Lord. He is infinitely higher than any other created being. He is exalted far above the created universe, making it impossible for all human minds combined throughout the earth to imagine or comprehend God’s majesty.
- e) Enthroned high above the universe, the Lord measures the earth’s oceans in the palm of His hand. Keep in mind this is around 352 quintillion gallons of water—which is 352 million trillion or a billion billion gallons of water! Yet the Lord measures it all in His palm.
- f) Not only that, but He measures the universe by the span of His hand. If you just consider the observable universe, its diameter is approximately 93 billion light-years, and the majestic One merely stretches out His hand and measures this vastness between His thumb and pinky.
- g) Perhaps even more astonishing to our finite brains, no one has ever informed, taught, or given the Lord understanding. He has never learned one thing. Even if all human minds throughout history were put

together, there would not be one iota of knowledge, wisdom, or understanding they could give to the Lord, for His knowledge can never increase since He knows everything.

- h) Now we come back to the breathtaking statement Paul made: We have the mind of Christ. Simply stunning.

Receiving Divine Thoughts and Ideas

- a) The One who created the insects, animals, humanity, and all the complex systems of the universe by merely speaking them into existence, has granted you anytime access to His mind.
- b) Though it's beyond comprehension, it is nonetheless true. This means your mind can be influenced by divine thoughts and ideas.
- c) Through the indwelling Spirit, you have access to the mind of Christ and can receive the answers you need to solve difficult problems.
- d) You have access to wisdom you need to apply knowledge in the right way at the right time.
- e) And counsel you need to make sound decisions.
- f) This means
- The answer you are crying out for is already in you.
 - The wisdom you are searching for is already in you.
 - The knowledge you need to solve complex issues is already in you.
 - The counsel you need to make solid choices is already in you.
- e) Of course, this doesn't mean you don't need counselors, consultants, or experts to assist you. Nor does it forbid you from searching the internet for answers or asking those who have experience for advice.
- f) But it does mean you should first turn inward, deep into your spirit, and access the mind of Christ within you for wisdom, knowledge, counsel, and understanding.
- g) And then let Him guide you to the right solution for your unique circumstance or situation, whether He speaks directly to you, puts a thought into your mind, speaks to you through someone else, or leads you another way.

Application

1. Remember: The indwelling Spirit is your Helper. Take some time in prayer and ask the Lord to show you where you have relied on your own wisdom, knowledge, understanding, gifts, talents, and strength to solve problems, make decisions, create strategies, and to take action rather than first going to Him and asking Him for help.
2. How can you incorporate into your prayer life asking the Helper for help in everything?
3. Because the anointing is in you, you can rely upon the anointing in everything you do. Prayerfully consider where you have relied on yourself and your own giftings, talents, wisdom, and strength, rather than relying on the anointing of the Spirit in you.
4. Write down the areas, whether sacred or secular, where you need to rely on the anointing in you to do what God has called you to do.

5. In an age of political polarization, propaganda, and conspiracy theories, it's vital that you develop a love for the truth. Therefore, take some time in prayer and ask the Lord to develop a love for the truth within you. How can you rely more on the Spirit of truth in you so you aren't misled and deceived?
6. How can you develop a habit in your prayer life of leaning into and relying upon your access to the mind of Christ in your spirit? How can you develop a habit of receiving divine thoughts and ideas?
7. How can you rely on the mind of Christ more for answers, wisdom, knowledge to solve complex problems, and counsel to make solid choices?