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*Dear Friends,*

*This month of April is also our **EASTER** month; but this month I want for you to **look further than the Cross of Calvary, and the Tomb**, where they laid our Lord's body. I want you to focus your thinking for a few minutes on the **"gift" of the person**, which Calvary made available to us. **The "gift" of the Holy Spirit**; and I don't mean to detract from any, or all, of what Calvary and the Cross means, and the Plan of Redemption, that it bought for us. But I just thought it would be very appropriate for us to  **dwell a little on the "forever" legacy of the beautiful Holy Spirit**, who came to be a **complete package** for us, following Jesus' cruel death, and jubilant resurrection on the third day.*

*I spend a whole bunch of time in the Word of God, and in various devotionals, and reference books (by many and varied writers, and compilers, of wonderful **nuggets of truth**) and, the Lord so blessed me just recently, with a study about some of the **attributes of the Holy Spirit**, and I thought I would share it with you here, on this **wonderful occasion of remembrance – Easter!** Remember to pray for and support this Easter - 'The Word for Today!' It truly is a blessing to the body of Christ!*

***"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart." John 14:27 (NLT).***

***Life comes with surprises. Some of them you welcome, and some of them you don't. One summer you take a trip to the beach, next summer the beach is covered with oil. One month your stocks are soaring and your investments are growing, then suddenly it all comes crashing down. And the 'brains' you thought were running the system, sit at session of parliament and say, 'We just never anticipated this.'** And in those rare seasons when you think the world has settled down, watch out! A malignant cell shows up in a colon, or a cyclone rips through a neighbourhood flattening a house. **So what are you going to do? When Jesus told His disciples He was leaving them, they were in panic mode, so He said to them, '...When the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. I'm leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.'** (John 14:26-27 NLT). You need to recognise the presence of the Holy Spirit who lives within you, and build a*

relationship with Him. He's not an 'it' or a 'thing' or an ethereal spirit that's beyond your reach. He is Christ's 'representative'. He's willing to teach you what you don't know, and to remind you of the things you so easily forget. And best of all, He will give you 'peace of mind and heart', regardless of what life throws at you.

*"...He will give you another...Counsellor."* John 14:16 (Amp).

In the Bible, Solomon lists 28 different seasons in life. Here they are: *'A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. A time to search and a time to stop searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.'* (Eccles 3:2-8 NLT). God determines each of your life's seasons. The Psalmist said, *'My times are in Your hands...'* (Psalm 31:15 Amp). So what should you do when you enter a new season of life? Reach for the Holy Spirit's help because He's a 'Counsellor'. Jesus told His disciples, *'I will ask the Father, and He will give you another...Counsellor...to be with you forever.'* (John 14:16 Amp). When you need an advisor because you're not sure what to do or which way to go, the Holy Spirit is available to guide you. That means you must be sensitive when He highlights a particular Scripture you're reading, or plants a persistent thought or idea in your mind that won't go away, or speaks to you through a friend. You're not alone, unless you want to be. Just consult the 'Counsellor' within you.

*"...The Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything..."* John 14:26 NLT.

As a departing teacher might introduce the pupils to his or her replacement, so Jesus introduces us to the Holy Spirit. And what a ringing endorsement He gives Him! He calls the Holy Spirit His 'representative'. The Holy Spirit within you comes in the name of Christ, with equal authority and identical power. How comforting it is to know that, when you're entering a new season of life in which so many things will be different. This verse is translated in different ways. In the New International Reader's Version, the word 'counsellor' is rendered 'friend'. In the New King James Bible, He's called 'Helper'. In the Amplified Bible, He's referred to as 'Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener'. In the original Greek, the Holy Spirit is referred to as 'parakletos', a compound of two words: para, which means 'alongside of', and kletos, which means 'one who's designated to you'. The Holy Spirit has been assigned to come alongside you. He is the presence of Jesus with and in you. Can you see how the disciples needed this encouragement? It's the evening before the crucifixion. By sunrise they will all have abandoned Him. Within 24 hours He will be hanging on the cross and their world will seem like it's been turned upside down. But Jesus wants them to know: 'You'll never face the future without My help.' And neither will you. Wherever the journey leads, He will be there by your side. The songwriter said, *'And He walks with me, and He talks with me. And He tells me I am His own. And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.'* Amen!

*"These little troubles are getting us ready..."* 2 Corinthians 4:17 CEV.

Everything Jesus did for His followers, the Holy Spirit does for you. Jesus taught; the Holy Spirit teaches us. Jesus healed; the Holy Spirit heals us. Jesus comforted;

**the Holy Spirit comforts us.** Jesus sends us into new seasons, and He sends His Counsellor with us. Your journey in the company of the Holy Spirit is a promise from Christ, in fact the very last promise He made to His disciples just before His ascension was, and **'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'** (Matthew 28:20 ESV). When change comes, embrace it, don't resist it. Change is not only a part of life, it's a necessary part of God's strategy for your life. **To use us to change the world, He alters our assignments.** Gideon, the farmer, became a general. Mary, the peasant girl, became the mother of Christ. Paul, the rabbi, became a world evangelist. God changed Joseph from a baby brother into an Egyptian prince. He changed David from a shepherd to a king. Peter wanted to fish the Sea of Galilee; Christ called him to lead the first church. **God gives us our assignments.** But - what about painful changes that are hard to understand? It's like your time in the womb: you are being developed for a greater time outside the womb. Inside the womb you had the ultimate comfort and security. **But only outside the womb could you fulfil God's purpose for your life.** **Your life in this world is simply to prepare you for your life in the next one.** That's why Paul wrote, **'These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing.'** (2 Corinthians 4:17 CEV).

**Eternal glory — you can hardly imagine it!** (Word for Today).

So – now that we have considered four parts to how the **Holy Spirit** fits into, and around, our life; perhaps you need consider where you and **HE** fit together. **How do you see Him?**

**Is He still hanging on a “cross”?**

**Is He still dead in the “tomb”?**

**OR – Is He your Risen Lord, who has sent to you His “Representative” – the Holy Spirit?**

**Remember what He said a few lines back – “The Holy Spirit within you comes in the name of Christ, with equal authority and identical power.” Wow! Now that is some GIFT!**

**If you KNOW Him as Lord of your life, your “Fruits of the Holy Spirit” in your life – (which He so graciously imparts to ALL of us who ask) should be obvious for ALL to see! You will be a shining example of ALL of His attributes. You will radiantly reflect Him! It's called the EVIDENCE of our OBEDIENCE! And it never needs explaining!**

**God bless you this special month of April and Easter!**

*Till next month*

*From my house to yours*

*Blessings of the abundant kind!*

*Leila Nord.*



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