

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT
LESSON 22: THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR
COMFORTER
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- Are you able to decide to be in Joy no matter what's happening in the natural world?
- What kind of decision maker are you?
 - Impulsive
 - Deliberate
 - Flow where's there's least resistance
 - Avoid making decisions, wishing that things will just work themselves out
- Is your decision intended to relieve the pressure or is it to overcome the pressure?
- You can't advance until you accept responsibility for your life
- From Lesson 20: Three Keys to Relieving Pressure:
 - Renewing the Mind
 - Speaking God's Covenant Words
 - Allow the Holy Spirit to be THE Comforter

I. Patience is Essential to Relieving Pressure

- a. James 1:2-4
 - i. Galatians 6:9
- b. James 1:4
 - i. Being consistent, unchanging in the face of testing, and fiery trials you will come out:
 - 1. Matured
 - 2. Entire (whole)
 - 3. Lacking Nothing
- c. Don't yield to the pressure

II. The Comforter is Here Now

- a. John 14:16-18
- b. If you will learn to make yourself comfortable you can endure, see it through to Victory
 - i. Exercise = the ability to endure pain & discomfort
 - 1. If you want results, you must be determined to see it through
 - 2. Traffic Jams = who's more comfortable?
 - a. Car with no air conditioning in 100-degree heat
 - b. Car with air conditioning
 - c. Kenneth E Hagin preaching on a CD
- c. John 14:16-18
 - i. We have no room to allow pressure to cause us to quit
 - ii. How does the Holy Spirit provide comfort?
 - iii. How do we position ourselves for that comfort?

III. How does the Comforter operate to extend this comfort during pressure?

- a. John 14:26
 - i. Remembrance = put in mind
 - ii. "by His stripes we were healed" – for healing
- b. Acts 9:31 = making the "bigness" of God REAL
 - i. Walking in "fear" = bowing our life to the Authority of God and His Covenant Word
 - ii. The Holy Spirit brings an awareness of the Goodness of God
 - iii. Psalm 91 brings Comfort as the Holy Spirit reveals the Truth
- c. 1 Corinthians 14:3 = edification comes from:
 - i. Prophecy (God's Covenant Words)
 - ii. Tongues (our God given prayer language)
- d. 2 Corinthians 2:7
 - i. There's comfort in forgiveness
 - ii. Mark 11:25 brings forgiveness to those who forgive
- e. Philippians 1 = there's comfort in Love
 - i. Verse 17:
 - ii. Verses 29-30

IV. How do We Position Ourselves to Receive That Comfort?

- a. Be Baptized [Immersed] in the Holy Spirit – to be immersed is totally covered
 - i. To be filled with His Comfort be filled with Him
- b. Matthew 3:11 [*Amplified Classic Version*] I indeed baptize you in (with) water because of repentance [*that is, because of your changing your minds for the better, heartily amending your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins*]. But He Who is coming after me is mightier than I, Whose sandals I am not worthy *or* fit to take off *or* carry; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
 - 1. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire - He shall fill you with the Holy Ghost, inflaming your hearts with that fire of love, which many waters cannot quench. And this was done, even with a visible appearance as of fire, on the day of Pentecost.
 - a. From John Wesley's Commentary
 - ii. Acts 19:1-2, 6
 - iii. Ephesians 5:18 = continually being filled – stay filled
 - 1. Verses 19-20 = how to stay filled
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 14:4
 - iv. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
 - 1. Sowing and reaping
 - 2. Sow comfort and Receive Comfort
 - v. James 1:3