
ESSENTIALS - Dave Solmes

Prayer | Romans 8:26-40 | June 13, 2021

Quote: AW Tozer The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people.

Question: How did Jesus' teaching about the Holy Spirit shed light on Tozer's quote?

The Holy Spirit, who is God, is leading the work of God within us and on earth right now, and has been ever since the ascensions of Jesus. Drawing all men to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Part #1: The Holy Spirit's work is by way of Invitation

We looked last week at this invitation found in: John 16:8

Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the One who is in the world convicting / making known the purposes and priorities of God.

o In Regard to sin - telling the world (people like you and me) to stop sinning ...

Question: Describe a time when you have experienced this conviction?

o In Regard to righteousness - we need to receive something that we only receive from One person.

Read: Romans 3:22

Question: What do we receive from Jesus that only He can offer?

o In Regard to the coming judgement - we need to start doing all things that have eternal value.

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:13

Question: What are the things that will matter on the day of God's judgement?

Part #2 The Holy Spirit's work is by way of Intercession

Question: If you had to describe to another your journey in prayer what would you say?

a.. The gift of praying in the spirit

Read: 1 Corinthians 14:2

Read: Ephesians 6:18

Praying in the Spirit does not necessarily refer to the words we are saying. Prayer must start with the recognition that prayer - is a spiritual activity. Prayer is the act of yielding ourselves to the Spirit. It can mean "by means of," "with the help of," "in the sphere of," and "in connection to." Praying in relationship with the spirit is encouraging. We are assisted, by the holy Spirit, as we humans talk to God. Praying in the Spirit is praying for things the Spirit leads us to pray for and longs for us. Jesus has given His spirit to us for intercession so we can carry concerns and burdens relationally, while not necessarily having the need for human language to describe it.

a.The gift of Helps - Romans 8:26

Read Romans 8:26

The word "weakness" references "our humanity and frailty." It refers to the hindrance / stronghold that *deprives someone* of enjoying or accomplishing what they would like to do. This weakness / stronghold - is our sinful humanity: our flesh: heart of stone, pride, selfishness. These weakness / strongholds - often inhibit our prayer.

During prayer the holy spirit helps us start prayer with confession: helping us admit our inability to pray as we should because of our humanity. The Holy spirit Helps us come to terms with our tendency to try to pray on our own. Off the top of heads, mindlessly, which often then becomes praying according to our own will, which most often is us pursuing what is easiest and best for us.

#3. The gift of Intercession

Read: Romans 8:26-27

Read: Hebrews 7:25

Jesus is interceding for us / you right now. The word "intercede" is referring to the process (verb - action) of you and I "coming in line with" the Lord's priorities and purpose.

Read: Ephesians 6:12

The gift of intercession, on our behalf, is for the purpose of our lives being lived in harmony with God's will. All the different parts of our lives.

#4. The gift of goodness

Read: Romans 8:28

The word "everything" means (every) part that applies. God viewing the whole of our lives while influencing *the individual events and circumstances one by one - all to be used for goodness and glory ...*

Conclusion / Summary:

Read: 1 Corinthians 14:15

Prayer: Come Holy Spirit I need Thee!