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people. We must depend upon this. The more you know of God's truth, all things being equal, the more comfortable you will be as a Christian. Nothing can give a greater light on your path than a clear understanding of divine things.

In the third place, we need this teacher to guide us out of danger. Now there is the loging in men to be preserved and there is nothing like a belief in eternal perseverance. There is nothing that makes a man so virtuous as a belief of this truth. A lying doctrine will soon beget a lying practice. A man who has an erronous belief will live such a life. We must keep near God's truth to keep us out of danger.

Fourth, we need the teacher in order that our lives might be useful in this world. We should not be selfish. We should consider that our lives ought to be beneficial to others. And serviceable in this world. There will be no character however perplexing but we shall be able to speak to it and comfort it. He who holds the truth is usually the most useful man. The person who is exceedingly rich in gathering in souls without scarcely an exception is one who has held great doctrines of the grace of God. Almost every man whom God has blessed to the building up of a church in prosperity and around whom the people have rallied has been a man who has held firmly to this grace of God through Christ. Do not you think you need have errors in

"And he shall show it unto you." This generation has gradually gone to the extent of becoming a godless generation. One of the diseases of the present generation of mankind is their secret but deep-seeded godlessness. They have departed from the knowledge of God. Science has discovered many, many things. *Scientific Knowledge Doubbling Every 10 yrs* And in all of these discoveries, a great many people have forgotten the first great cause. They have been able to pry into secrets. Even among professing Christians while there is a great amount of religion, there is too little godliness. There is much external formalism, too little inward acknowledgement of God, too little living on and living with God and relying upon God.

This is a bad fact when you enter many of our places of worship. Often you do not even hear the name of God mentioned. The name of Jesus is often kept in the background. The Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost is almost entirely neglected. And there is very little concern for his sacred influence. Even religious men have become, to a large degree, godless in this age. My firm conviction is that in proportion, as we regard the sacred godhead, the Trinity, we shall see the display of God's power and a more glorious manifestation of his presence in our churches. May God send us a Christ-exalting, spirit-loving ministry, that will lift up Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.



The disciples had been instructed by Christ certainly concerning elementary doctrines. Jesus did not teach his disciples more than what we call the ABC's of religion. And he gives the reason for it in verse 12. "I have yet many things to say unto you; but you cannot bear them now."

His disciples were not possessors of the spirit. They had the spirit (so far) as the work of conversion was concerned, but not as to the matters of illumination and profound instructions, prophecy, inspiration. Jesus said, "I now am about to depart and I'm going away and I will send a comforter unto you. You cannot bear these things now. Howbeit, when the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth." This is the same promise that stands good to all his followers even to this day.

I. OUR NEED OF A TEACHER

Some conceive that doctrinal knowledge is of very little importance. And of no practical use. We believe the science of Christ crucified, judgment of the teachings of the scriptures, of exceeding value. The Christian ministry should be aroused. And awakened to the great need of a teacher. This is one of the first things that the Christian needs to know - the truth.

First, our nature demands it. The nature of the individual desires truth. The natural man separates himself and desires knowledge. God has put this instinct in him. And he is not satisfied. Be he ever content he must seek the secrets. This is

something we might call curiosity. It's a curiosity that is set aside only by the spirit. Bless the Lord, said David, Oh, my soul and all that is within me. Bless his holy name. If there is a curiosity within us, it ought to be employed and developed in a search for truth. All that is within me. Sanctified of the spirit will develop. The Christian man feels an intense longing to get rid of his ignorance and receive wisdom. And if possible to get into the secrets of the world mysteries of God's word. A true Christian is always intently reading and searching the scriptures that he may be able to certify himself concerning certain truths. I cannot conceive of him thinking that he has reached the point that he no longer desires this truth. God's word will ever be to a Christian a source of great anxiety and there is something that will lead him to pry into it. Curiosity is strong. To take truth and to be sure of it. Enlightened men will have truth. It is there if we can find it out.

Second, we need this teacher to comfort us. Many poor souls, for instance, under conviction abide there three or four times as long in sorrow as is required because they have no one to instruct them. There are believers often who are troubled, about falling away. If they only knew that they are kept by the grace of God. They need instruction. And God instructs us in doctrine. He shows us that no conscience that is really awakened can ever commit the unpardonable sin which worries a lot of



not intend you to know. And you may be content to be ignorant of it. But prayer is the key that opens the cabinet of mystery. That will unlock this for you.

The things of God knoweth no man. (1 Cor. 2:11). Neither can he know them. His ways are past finding out. But this teacher will come and we need to be taught of this divine teacher. He shall teach you all things.

Another characteristic about this teacher is that he is all-sufficient. The anointing, abiding in you and you need not that any man teach you. (1 John 2:27). Thus he will teach you all things. Now he's (not going) to speak of himself. But he hides himself in the might and the glory of Jesus Christ. And this is one of the characteristics of the teacher. The Holy Ghost.

The last thing is the suitability of this guide. The Holy Spirit can guide us into truth. Now, man can guide us to a truth, but the Holy Spirit can guide into a truth. And we ought to mark and underscore the word ("all truth") The man is right perhaps who would whisper and say I can give you some truth. But it will not be contrary to (his prejudices). You can take a person and lead him to a truth but it's difficult to lead him on into that truth because he may have a prejudice. There are many of our hearers today who are brought to the truth of sin and depravity but they are not brought into it and made to feel

your doctrine to make you useful. It cannot be useful with truth. And it cannot be useful with an error. There is enough of the pure doctrine of God without introducing heresays to preach to sinners. I've never felt hampered by preaching the ungodly people God's truth. We never need to take away this truth to talk to such individuals.

II. THE TEACHER'S OPPOSITION

Of course the teacher will run into difficulty. It is natural because of truth. And because of the nature, our nature their ideas of everything that is wrong and evil. We are born into sin, shaped in iniquity and now we have a task of searching for truth. In

In the first place, it is hard to discover. This is one of the great stumbling blocks in the way of the Holy Spirit's work. Truth itself is no easy thing to discover. Those who fancy they know everything and constantly are dogmatic with the spirit of "we are the men and wisdom will die with us". Of course, make a mistake. The most earnest student of the scripture will find things in the Bible which puzzle him. However earnestly he reads if he will see some mysteries too deep for him to understand, he will acknowledge this truth - "I cannot find out. I know that you are here but you're beyond me. I cannot fully see it." But truth is a path so narrow that two can scarcely walk together.



And they must be single-file. We believe the same truth. And the way of truth is very difficult. And truth is a narrow path, indeed. You lose it once and you may (dig for miles) and not discover it again. Grains of truth are like grains of gold in a river in Alaska. They must be shaken by the ~~max~~ hand of patience, washed in the stream of honesty, and then you will find a little gold mingled with sand. It's hard to distinguish it. But we bless God when he says when the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you.

A second opposition or suggested difficulty is that we are prone to go astray. Truth easily comes in but it's like a tremendous fog for us. Most of us are out searching for ourselves an inch at a time. We thought we knew. It's just like an old man in the fog. He thought he knew the spot of the lamppost, the turn in the road but not so. He should have gone right when he turned left. It's dark. But he thinks he's quite right. And he goes a half a mile out of his way. Many times we think we are on the right path. We walk in it. But we go astray. Luynan pictures it as no turning to the right hand or to the left and there is no doubt about it. That we are prone to go astray.

David said I have gone astray like a lost sheep. That means very often. For if sheep is put into a field 20 times, if it does not get out 21 times, it will be because it cannot. Because of

the place it hurdles over and it cannot find a hole in the hedge of the fence. *Woman gossip - ready to lay her tongue on the altar - teacher - we are ready we had a 12 3/4. Talk at the altar ready.* And some of the guides we have are like the men of Sodom.

Who would lead us astray. But the spirit comes even in the face of this opposition and says escape, escape for your life. Look not behind thee, stay not in at all the plane.

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TEACHER

In the first place, the teacher is infallible. He knows The church - leaders - others - mistake the way - everything and cannot lead us astray. He will lead us only in the right way. The deep things of God - he hath directed the spirit or hath taught him. (Isa. 40:13). If we despise this teacher in vain we seek for spiritual wisdom. We never repent of nor even forget what we have learned of him. By my spirit is upon thee. And my words shall not depart out of my mouth.

The second thing the teacher is every present. We fall into a difficulty and we say oh, if I just had somebody to explain this to me. We think about a friend who is a lon ways off. But we can take the most, the hard passages in the Bible, and even the most consistent commentators avoid them to some degree. But we do not have a commentator, now. We are off by ourselves. Now what is the secret here? Whenever you cannot understand a text, open your Bible, bend your knee in prayer and if it does not split into atoms and open itself, try again. If prayer does not explain it, it is one of the things that God does



radiant because of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever read the Bible and yet not been able to see a thing, unenlightened? And go and say I do not understand this. You want to understand the Bible. A blind man can read the Bible with his fingers. And the Holy Spirit will open up his sould. If we want to see the truth here we must read it and permit the Holy Spirit to teach us in this blessed way.

In the third place, by pointing to the sufferings of Christ. He not only enlightens the mind, gives us direction and illuminates the things for us but he points to the sufferings of Christ. He will convince the world of sin and its need of a saviour. And while looking on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn and be in bitterness.

And as he points us to Christ, he quickens the understanding. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon and make him of quick understanding. (Isa. 11:2) Quick to discern the will of God. As to what God would have him to do.

He will be quick to compare things that are spiritual. The Holy Ghost teaches us to compare these spiritual things. (1 Cor. 2:13). And in this way he has a method of revealing hidden things. It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit (Luke 2:26). "hath not seen but he hath revealed them unto us by the spirit." (1 Cor. 2:9). The deep things of God are being constantly unveiled.

Some of you are brought to the truth of God. That God keeps us day by day. But rarely get into it and live as though your very life depended upon God. But this great teacher can get in the inside. And a Christian shall do with truth as a snail does with his shell. Live inside it. Carry it on his back.

Here is a great room with an abundance of gold. Now there are bars but this room of gold which is truth, can only be opened through the Holy Spirit. Rowland Hill said not only hold the truth-but have the truth hold us. Is the wonderful thing about the spirit's work.

#### IV. THE METHODS OF THE TEACHER

I might begin this thought by illustrating it as compared to somebody going down to a cave where there are wonderful stalactites hanging from the roof. And there are other wonderful things coming up from the floor. The cavern is glittering, it abounds with marvels. And before entering the cavern you inquire for a guide who comes with his light and he conducts you to a considerable depth. Now you are down into the midst of the cave. He leads you into the different chambers of the cavern. You see a little stream of water rushing here from among the rocks. And it indicates that you are now in the midst of great scenic beauty some peculiar rock is pointed out to you. He tells the name of it. He tells you here is a place where people eat. Now he gives you the truth of all these caverns. Then you imagine that you



are coming to the darkness of it. He has a light shining in the midst to guide you. And he shows you these wonderful things. Now in this way the Holy Ghost teaches us. He has a method. There are several methods that he uses.

✓ First, by suggestion. As to thought that dwells in a person mind. These are born of the spirit. It is not a fancy that angels whisper into our ears. The devil does the same thing. Both good and evil spirits hold converse with men. Some of us well know that. We are directed to temptation by evil. And so the spirit does speak in men's ears sometimes in the darkness of the night. In ages gone by he spoke in dreams and visions. Now he speaks by his word. Have you not a times had some unaccountable experience where you were in the midst of your work or business and some concern log God came into your mind. Some heavenly thing. Or you were studying a verse of scripture and some truth came right across your heart. You couldn't help it. It's like a cork on the water when you are fishing. It will just pop back up on top. And here is the wonderful suggestion that comes to your mind. It's a good thought. It's put there by the spirit. He often guides people to truth by just giving a suggestion. He does not say a word, perhaps, you are busy or you are reading. And the truth comes to you. How it dwains upon us sometimes. This doctrine of grace. Or of love as you listen to a sermon or you are at prayer. And the Holy Spirit comes to

give you direction.

In the second place, his method is by direction. There is a peculiar path that we need to travel so the spirit gives us direction. He moves our thoughts in that way. He starts us in such and such a way. He does not put us in a boat, on a stream without some rudder, something to guide us. But he leads us into the channel. He starts us off. He gives us direction and that comes through meditation. You have been brought to see things, new ideas, by direction he gives this to your heart.

In the third place, he teaches by illumination. He illuminates the Bible. Now I don't know what kind of Bible you have today. It may be Morocco binding, it may have marginal references. Do you have an illuminated Bible? Well, you might say I have a large family Bible with pictures in it. John the Baptist is there pouring water on the head of Christ, or some non-sensical thing such as that. Yes, I have a Bible, it has engraving. But dear Christian, who has an illuminating Bible? A glory gilds the secret page, majestic like the sun. Which gives its light to every age, it gives but borrows none. There is nothing like reading an illuminating Bible. You may read to all eternity and never learn anything by it unless it is illuminated by the spirit. And then the words shine like stars. The book men seems to be printed on gold. And it glitters like diamonds. And it is



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a hint at this. Here do not deal in controversies with a person. I never heard many controversies that accomplished very much good. The secularist and others may have strong arguments but the day of judgment is going to declare how little good we do through just contending with men. We better let them alone. And where there is no feul the fire goes out. And debates with them puts feul on the fire. A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still. *Boy said of his father - He liked grand old opera so much that he set all the dial on the radio & then removed all the notes -* Pray for them and pray that the Holy Spirit will lead them into truth.

Now some of you who know nothing about the spirit of truth nor about the true spirit, we care not how much which of you are right. Or indifferent you are. Or how poor a sinner you are. But you say I care nothing for it. You do not know anything about God's truth or about eternity. If you knew that there was in a heaven for you beyond and a chance for a trial. Then what would you say? Indeed you would say that truth is precious to my soul. Truth can be discovered and the truth shall make you free. And if the son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. For he said I am the way, the truth, and the life.

He shall present truth unto us. It is obvious here that he is waiting to present something to you. And the object that he wants to present, is the Saviour. No man will turn to Christ but through the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit points out

Another method the Holy Spirit uses in teaching is the recalling of forgotten things. He shall bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you. (26). The words of Christ which have been hidden in the heart. Although we may forget them, they are not lost. They are like weapons. Laid past by the Holy Spirit. And in due time he will bring them out.

He will also use another method in hindering us from being selfish. The Holy Spirit uses a method to keep us from being selfish. Paul and Silas were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach in Asia. They wanted to go a certain way but he suffered them not. It is not in man to direct his steps but to commit his way unto the Lord. The hindrances of the Holy Spirit are but a part of his health.

V. RESULTS OF THE TEACHER'S WORK

Now as we look at the results of the teacher's work, we must know that while we obey things are going to happen. The Lord said unto Philip, "Arise and go." And he arose and went. That was the result. The spirit said, "go near" (Acts 26:28). He was in the way. When the Lord caught him. And he obeyed.

While we meditate we will rejoice with the results and the evidences of the spirit's teaching. While Peter fought the spirit said, Acts 10:19- "Think on these things" (Phil 4:9). Reflection is necessary here.

Another evidence is while we serve as we minister the Lord,



the Holy Ghost will speak to us. (Acts 13:2). And give us instruction. While we wait, if we tarry and wait for it, the promise will be given unto us. And when we listen, we will have an evidence of the spirit's teaching. He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit hath to say. Every Christian needs to be taught in this way.

The unity of his testimony is in evidence of his work. A man cannot be enlightened by the Holy Spirit who preaches yes and no. The Spirit never says one thing at one time and another thing at another time. (Contrary testimonies) are not both from god the Spirit. For God the Spirit cannot witness to black and white, to a falsehood and to a truth.

Now there are some persons who say I find one thing in one part of the Bible and another thing in another part of the Bible and I just think it contradicts itself and so now they disbelieved. But the fault is not in the Bible or in the word but it's in the carpenter. Many a carpenter will make a mess of a piece of wood. Because he thinks it's not just right.

But how did Solomon know the truth about the mother of the child? Well, cut it in halves he said and the woman who was not the mother did not care so long as the other did not get the hold and she consented. So Solomon said this is the true mother - give her the living child. Let her have it rather than cut it in half. So the true child of God would say I give

up. Let the Holy Spirit give me the truth. We do not want to divide the Bible. *(Nota conveyer Belt idea But a Capetria -)*

Another result is the universality of his teaching. The true child of God will be led into some truth (not some) but all truth is what the text says. And when you first started out, you just knew about half of it. But as you developed truth has made a lie out of some of the things that you once believed. And here is something that has steadily led you out of ignorance. The Christian does not want to be ignorant. How many are there who are just enlightened and have tasted heavenly things who are afraid they are too ignorant to be saved? There are people who feel that way. The Holy Spirit can teach anyone however illiterate he may be, he can be instructed. Into this wonderful salvation.

man who was so ignorant that he could not read and he never spoke anything like grammar in his life. The first thing after he was converted, he wanted to pray. He stammered out a few words and in a little time his speech improved. Later on he wanted to read the scriptures and after long months he learned to read. The next thing he wanted to preach. And so he began to preach. And then he thought I must read a few more books. And so his mind expanded until he became a useful preacher of the word.

When any person does not understand the truth, let him take



Jesus as the Saviour. It gives you a glimpse of him. And with your guilt his great love for men is pointed out. His great loyalty to the father is pointed out. And Jesus becomes more welcome than the sunrise; more necessary than light; more wonderful than the calm after the storm; more glorious than a sunset; more refreshing than water; more delightful than laughter; more life-giving than blood; more boundless than space is his loyalty to the father in truth Jesus and the father were one. Now the Holy Spirit teaches us about salvation. That it comes through Jesus. In the 8th chapter of Romans he demonstrates this. And he says that we are heirs to God's riches but we were once in poverty. We were once outside the household. Now we are sons, heirs. Once our unrighteous rages now are clothed with splendor. We become on a part with Jesus, our elder brother. As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God and if children, then heirs, heirs of God join heirs of Christ. The Holy Spirit bears this truth in us.

The 7th chapter of Romans Paul speaks of I with the remembrance of bitter remorse and defeat. In the 8th it is no longer I but the spirit. The I means blank, the spirit means blessing. The I means corruption, the spirit means cleansing. The spirit means heaven and not hell. It means mercy and not misery, peace

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