

**Monday, 12 November 2018** Romans 15:12-13

*And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

It is the power of the Holy Spirit that fills me with that divine hope; which enables me to explain the hope that lies within with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15). It is the power of the Holy Spirit fills me with all joy and peace as He leads me deeper and deeper into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

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**Tuesday, 13 November 2018** Romans 15:14-16

*I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

To sanctify—to set apart, to make holy, to consecrate. The Holy Spirit is the agency through with the LORD, God, the Almighty sets apart a people unto Himself. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit I can look back at who or what I was; I can conduct a serious examination of who or what I have become, and He gives me insight into what or who I will become. Step by step as the Spirit reminds me and leads me into all Truth. John 16:13 *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.*

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**Wednesday, 14 November 2018** Romans 15:18-19

*For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;*

The Spirit is the power that brings all others into the

Kingdom and to lives of obedience through word, deed, signs, and wonders working through each member of the Body. I am joined with Paul in the ministry of bringing others into lives that conform to the gospel of Christ. Where is my Illyricum?

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**Thursday, 15 November 2018** Romans 15:30

*I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,*

The Spirit is the agency through which the love of God (cf 1 John 4:8) is transmitted to me and through me to others. Paul's appeal to the saints in Rome to demonstrate the love of the Spirit for prayers on his behalf should likewise be a reminder to all the saints today to be earnest in prayer for all who labor for the Gospel.

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**Friday, 16 November 2018** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

*And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

When I speak, is it to demonstrate my grasp of the Scriptures and my facility of interpretation or is it a demonstration of the power of God moving through the Spirit? Do I remember to give credit where credit is due? Do I remember that faith only exists through the power of God as brought to me by the Spirit otherwise my message is merely the wisdom of a man?

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**Saturday, 17 November 2018** 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

*But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of*

God.

I can't think of any other passage that offers greater assurance that the Trinity is the Three in One. The mind of the LORD, God, the Almighty is revealed to me, as appropriate through the Spirit. That first sentence reminds me that there is much beyond my comprehension and yet to be revealed.

# VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



November 12-18, 2018

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**Lord's Day, 18 November 2018 Psalm 119:59-61**

*When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to Your testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments. Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget Your law.*

This is a time, Lord when the cords of the Evil One are reaching out to ensnare me. This is a time of testing; will I turn to You in praise and thanksgiving or will I lean on my own understanding to resolve this problem? Will I hasten and not delay to keep Your commandments? Will I be faithful to keep Your praises ever in my mouth? In my own strength, no! In Your strength, yes -- I cannot fail if I listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Lord, I believe, help me in my unbelief.

**Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Ephesians 3:13-21**

*So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

LORD, I pray for my fellow brothers of the [congregation] and its leaders, that we would be filled out of that treasury of Your glorious riches, that we would be completely equipped to carry out those works that You prepared for us before the beginning of time. I pray that each of us would be equipped with hearts that are Your dwelling place, hearts that are powered by faith, hearts that display lives of trust and obedience.

May You be glorified through us. *Amen*

**To fear or not to fear, that is the question.**

The fear of the Lord, an expression that occurs many times in Scripture, 142 in the ESV in various forms, is not well understood in the Church today. For many, the phrase represents a weak and flabby description of an overly saccharine spiritual being of some sort. It certainly does not include the concept of the LORD, God the Almighty who spoke all things into being and who controls all things.

Join with me in examining the fear of the LORD and seeking an understanding of life in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now as guided by that fear.

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