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Complete 1- Response Sheet.

Nature and Role of the Holy Spirit

In Chapter one it clearly states that the Holy Spirit and God are one, and that God has given us specific and special gifts through the Holy Spirit. From the beginning of the world and the creation of mankind, Genesis 1:2 clearly states “And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters”: The Holy Spirit is omnipresent, meaning he is everywhere and he knows all about us, inside and out. The Holy Spirit and God are one. Also the Holy Spirit is our way of communicating to God with, too and from us.

John 16:13 states “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.” When I think about the ministry of the Holy Spirit, I do not primarily think about Him speaking of the things to come the things that Jesus says are His (John 16:14-15).

“1 Peter 4:10, “And every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another. It tells me that we are to use our gifts to minister to others, share what God has given you so that it may help someone else. Whether it is a trial that you have gone through and you have come out with a testimony, I truly believe that you should share your “story” testimony. Or be it a financial blessing, “feed the hungry, or clothe the naked”. I believe in helping others, you don’t always have to provide them with a monetary gift, a kind or positive word or gesture.

I tend to think of the supernatural and miraculous activity of the Holy Spirit, which is also critical for the church, but I understand why Jesus chose to specifically highlight this aspect of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. This may well be, the most overlooked part of the Holy Spirit’s ministry in the church, but it is critical for the church and will be increasingly important as the earth experiences incredible instability and the church comes under pressure in many parts of the earth.

The Holy Spirit is, sadly, not understood by all Christians to be both Person and God. While most Christians can accept God the Father and God the Son as Persons and as God, the Holy Spirit is seen by some as an entity on a different level and is even reduced by some Christian churches to a kind of force that God possesses rather than God himself. But “Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity”.

For me, I enjoyed reading this chapter especially page 12, paragraph 2 “the Holy Spirit is our guide into all earth, the revealer of things to come”. I am a true believer of the Trinity. Situations in my life has taught me to rely on the Word of God and to listen for and to the Holy Spirit. I also like the part when it tells that the Holy Spirit not only works in the lives of people but also in situations, (ie. Governmental entries, laws, conscience, etc. I like this because it somewhat reinstates my belief that man does not really have any power. I believe that God will reign victorious and that there is not anything that man can do to me that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit cannot change. At the present, my eyes are not well and I am relying on the Holy Spirit to bring all things to my remembrance as I read and ponder over what I have read.