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The Spirit Of God In Believers

Romans 8:14-16 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

It is in Romans 8 that we see what God is doing for us in this Church Dispensation through the third person of the trinity, the Holy Spirit. Christ said in **John 16:7-14** *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

In John the Lord told us to expect the Holy Ghost, in Romans he tells us the execution of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit witnesses in the believer the work of God. (Rom 8:14-16)

It is through the Holy Spirit we understand what God has done in us, that is, made us new creatures and adopted us in His family. The Spirit tells our spirit what God has done just as our natural mind receives messages from our own bodies (that hurts, that feels better, that's hot, that's cold) and we just know. The Holy Ghost speaks to us in a way that we can understand even if we cannot put it into words.

2. The Holy Spirit directs the walk of the believer (Rom 8:3-6)

Ecclesiastes 8:12

Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his *days* be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

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Romans 8:3-6 *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

Since we walk by faith and not sight we must be directed from the realm of the Spirit. The Spirit is sent down from Heaven to lead the believer and direct our steps away from the course of this world and into the will of God, The Father. The Spirit of God has filled our hearts to love the things of God and the people of God.

3.The Holy Spirit causes the believer to wait on our Redemption (Rom 8:21-23)

Romans 8:21-23 *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

We are saved inwardly by grace but outwardly (the body) by hope. The Holy Ghost within us causes to wait on the Lord's return so that our vile body may be fashioned like unto his glorious body as Phil. 3:21 states. It is the Spirit that lets us know that we have a lively hope and that it is not "if" the Lord is coming but when.

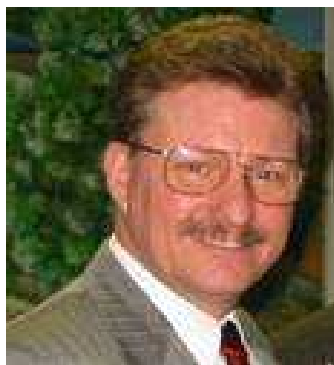
4.The Holy Spirit works for the believer in prayer (Rom 8:26-27)

Romans 8:26-27 *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

What we need in prayer is certainly not always what we ask in prayer because of emotions, trials, and ignorance. The Holy Ghost makes petition and approaches God for us that we might be heard acceptably. When we pray in the Spirit we can be sure that we are praying in the will of God.

We have something that the Old Testament saints never had and that is an indwelling comforter who is there for our good in all things pertaining to Salvation.

From Bro. Ronnie Black



The Help Mate

From Linda Black



The Rose. February is the month always associated with heartstrings of love. The perfect flower to express that feeling of course is “the rose”. Not only is the rose beautiful and fragrant, it is an expensive flower as many husbands, boyfriends and fiancés’ will agree. Many countries have selected a particular flower as a representation of their nation. The United States selection is the rose. When researching this subject I especially wanted to know the particulars about “The Rose of Sharon” which refers to the Lord in the **Song of Solomon 2:1** *I AM the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.*

When reading this passage, I wondered about that particular flower. My research revealed different varieties of the “Rose of Sharon”. One version can be a bush, many are groundcovers and some can also grow into a tree form.

I couldn’t understand why this particular flower was mentioned in the scriptures if there were so many types. Then my mind focused in another direction. What if the emphasis of this particular rose was the place where it grows?

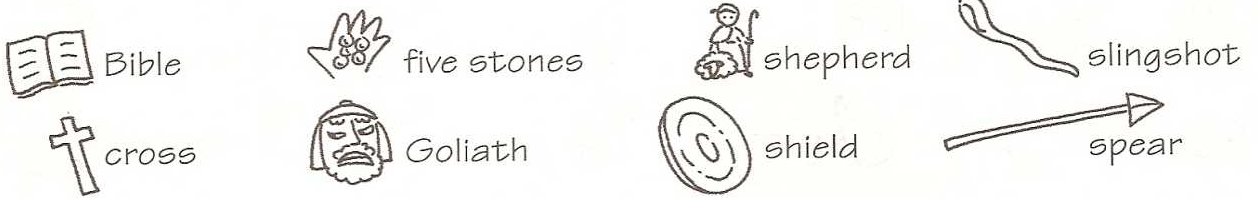
When investigating “Sharon” I found some interesting facts. The word “Sharon” means plain. Sharon is the plain, skirting the Mediterranean coast from Judah to Caesarea. It is the extension of the lowlands of Judah renowned for its fertility. The soil there is of deep rich loam. An interesting fact is that loam is composed of three parts: clay, sand and organic material. This fertile soil grows oranges, the vine and the olive to perfection. When the many-colored flowers are in bloom there, it is a scene of rare beauty. Water is plentiful and can be obtained at almost any point by digging. There are also traces of a luxuriant oak forest. Lush pastures can be found there which fed the herds of David. Doesn’t Sharon describe so many attributes of the Lord?

It’s a place where the thirsty can find water. It’s a land of nourishment where growth is abundant. It provides food for the hungry. It is bordered by a mighty oak forest which is a tower of strength. Its beauty is rare reminding us of the biblical description of the Lord, saying “He is altogether lovely”. No wonder the psalmist David could write “...*he maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:*”

When I searched out the flowers that represented individual nations, I wasn’t surprised to read that Israel didn’t have a national flower. How could any natural flower stand for a nation chosen by God himself? Nothing can compare to this *specific “rose of Sharon”*, who is THE LORD.

David and Goliath—No Contest!

Goliath came against David with a sword, a spear, and a javelin. Read **1 Samuel 17:45** to find out what David used to come against Goliath.



Revival

Memorial United Baptist Church
2911 S. Phillip Dr.
Muncie IN
Andy Phipps Jr., Pastor

Evangelists



Rev. Dillard Cole

Rev. Oddos Morris

Begins



Monday, February 8, 2010

Time



7:00 PM Nightly

"We invite you to come and worship with us"

Announcements

Southern United Baptist Church will begin Revival Services on Feb. 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Pastor Andy Phipps of Memorial United Baptist Church will be preaching and Pastor Chris Sewell and the church invite all to attend.



Church Directory



Memorial United Baptist Church

2911 S Philip Dr.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Andy Phipps

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm

Riverview United Baptist Church

6601 E Black Mill Rd

Albany, IN 47320

Pastor Tony Bilbrey

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

Southern United Baptist Church

1009 E. 20th St.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Chris Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00

Lower Hickory Grove United Baptist Church

Highway 741 (Blue Heron Mine Rd)

Revelo, KY 42638

Pastor Mark Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Second Baptist Church

P.O. Box 1188

Whitley City, KY 42653

Pastor Michael Casada

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Faith United Baptist Church

Brick Church Rd.

Hagerstown, IN 47346

Pastor Eldon Denney

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

Church Directory

New Salem United Baptist Church

2311 E. Washington St.

New Castle, IN 47362

Pastor Brett Rains

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30

Old Fashion United Baptist Church

9211 W. Arch Street

Yorktown IN 47396

Pastor Terry Dobbs

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Westside United Baptist Church

3021 W. Cornbread Road

Muncie IN 47302

Pastor Larry Waters

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Gloryland United Baptist Church

2001 E. 8th St.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Alvis Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church

100 Holland Ave

Muncie, IN 47303

Pastor Eric Lambert

Sunday Morning 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Caney Branch United Baptist Church

1457 Travis Groce Road

Albany, KY 42602

Pastor Donald McGill

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm