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## God Glorified in the Spirit

*Eph 1:4-5 ...in love 5 [God] predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will...*

- The legal basis of our adoption is our justification in Christ.
- The *purpose of his will* is the manifestation of his glory in us. Our salvation is about God's glory, for God's glory and from God's glory.
- In the ascension, the Father's purpose to be glorified in His people will be fulfilled when Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to gather and indwell His (John 14:1-3).
- This morning we will begin to look at how the Father is glorified in us when the Spirit pours out the love of God into our hearts (Rom. 5:5) remembering that Jesus is the Son of the Father's love (Matt. 3:17).

*John 14:9 ...Whoever has seen me has seen the Father...*

- This means that Jesus was the visible Vessel of the Father's glory (Col. 1:15).

*John 14:16-17 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of Truth...*

- How the Spirit will glorify the Father in His people in answer to His prayer in John 17:

*John 15:26 ...when the Helper comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth [John 14:6], Who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me...*

- This means that the role of the Spirit is to make Jesus visible in us so the Father's glory is then made visible in us (Rom. 8:30).

## **The Spirit is our *Helper***

- As our Helper, the Spirit causes Jesus to become alive and active in our hearts and minds by His ministry of vivifying the Word of God to us:

*Heb. 4:12 For the Word of God (John 1:1) is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

- As our Helper, the Spirit leads us into all Truth (John 14:6; 16:13) about Jesus and about ourselves.
- As our Helper, the Spirit convicts us of our sin (John 16:8) so that we will continue to walk as the justified people of God (Col. 1:10).
- As our Helper, the Spirit is our Advocate.
- When Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit is their Helper (John 14:16) the word used is *parakletos* and is also translated as intercessor or counselor and advocate.

- An advocate (counselor) is a legal representative who defends our case before a court.

**1 John 2:1** ...if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous...

### **How is the Holy Spirit our Advocate?**

- The Spirit advocates for us on the basis of Jesus' advocacy.
- This verse tells us that Jesus is our Divine Advocate in Heaven Who represents us before the Father as justified (Rom. 8:1 because of v.30).
- Jesus speaks to the Father for us.

**John 14:16** *The Holy Spirit speaks to us about the Father's love and forgiveness in Christ*

### **Why is This Necessary?**

**1 Peter 5:8** *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist [Satan] firm in your faith...*

### **How do we stand firm?**

- The word *satan* is accuser, adversary or one who opposes. Satan seeks to undermine our faith and trust in God's work in us by accusing us as guilty of sin.

- By accusing us, Satan seeks to undermine our confidence in God's verdict that we have been justified so that we believe we are again subject to God's punishment.
- So, when we are accused of actual sin, the Spirit is our defense Attorney Who points us to our Heavenly Advocate before the Father:

*1 John 3:19-21* By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before [God]; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything [John 19:30]. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us [that Rom. 8:1 cannot apply to me], we have confidence before God us [that Rom. 8:1 DOES apply to me].

- When we sin, the Holy Spirit convicts us (John 16:8) for the purpose of correction. But in order for us to benefit from His correction, the Spirit also frees us from the fear of being condemned by reminding us of 1 John 2:1-2.

*1 John 4:18* ...there is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment...

- In this way, the Spirit's advocacy is to remind us that Rom. 8:1 still applies to us because we continue to be justified as the result of the Righteousness of Christ. Therefore, this makes Satan to be a liar (John 8:44).
- In the next lessons, we will see that the Spirit makes Jesus visible (John 15:26) in us through the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit.