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Truth, Freedom & the Holy Spirit

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1 – Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. – Jesus Christ, John 8:32

In this era, the era of the Holy Spirit in us, the role of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life is like the role of Jesus in a disciple's life 2000 years ago. He is an advocate, counselor, companion and friend who *leads* the child of God into ALL TRUTH. Jesus told his disciples that when the Holy Spirit came he would lead them into all truth (John 16:13). A Son of God is one who is led by the Holy Spirit. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God (Romans 8:14). As we are led into all truth, and know the truth, this truth shall make us free (John 8:32). Truth is a weapon of spiritual warfare. Truth brings freedom.

2 – Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. – Paul, Gal. 5:1

God's word to us clearly steers us away from bondage into freedom. In fact, the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of bondage cannot coexist. Romans 8:15 tells us that "we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but we have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." The Spirit of Adoption is the same Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit who comes to live in an individual when he or she accepts Jesus Christ as savior; and by whom the individual becomes adopted into the family of God – a spiritual birth into the spiritual family of God. This is known as being born again or anew. It is then the permissive role of the Holy Spirit to lead this believer into ALL TRUTH. And this truth brings freedom. We are to stand fast in this freedom and not fall again into bondage of any kind.

3 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 the things to come. – Jesus Christ, John 16:13

How do we stand fast in the freedom that we have been given? We walk with the Holy Spirit. So long as we walk with our advocate, counselor, teacher, friend – the Holy Spirit – He will continue to lead us into all truth. This calls for *relationship*; a growing *relationship*.

4 – But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. – Jesus Christ, John 14:26

Relationship with the Holy Spirit today is absolutely important for the quality of our Christian walk. He is the one who teaches us all things. He may teach us directly or through others. He is the one who brings all things to our remembrance. He does not come to yoke us with heavy burdens. Fundamentally, Christ's yoke is easy and His burden is light (Matt 11:30). As He teaches us all things, and leads us into all truth, we walk into freedom.

5 – Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. – Jesus Christ, John 14:27

How much peace is your walk with the Lord bringing you? Are you growing in truth? Are you growing in peace? Are you increasingly free from bondage? Are you walking into freedom? How much of a relationship do you have with the Holy Spirit? Do you talk with Him? Do you hear Him? Do you walk with Him? Our fathers of old walked and talked with the Lord God Almighty, even though they did not have the Holy Spirit in them as we do today. They had no Scriptures documenting the relationship of their ancestors with the Lord as we do today. All they had was *relationship*: relationship with the sovereign God. We have the Spirit of God within us. We can read and meditate about the walk of our fathers and mothers with the Lord our God, but surely we can also walk and talk with Him. We have His Holy Spirit in us.

6 That they may all be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee; that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. – Jesus Christ, John 17:21

You are never alone with the Holy Spirit in you. Where you are walking in relationship with Him, He is there effectually in your life, teaching you ALL THINGS, leading you into ALL TRUTH, and bringing you freedom. **Walk with the Holy Spirit, know the truth, and be free.**