

CLASS 2: THE HOLY SPIRIT

Theme Scripture: John 14:16-20

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- To introduce the Holy Spirit to the Believer
- To get the new Believer filled with the Holy Spirit
- To acquaint the new Believer with the ministry of the Holy Spirit
- To create a passionate hunger in the heart of the new Believer for a close walk with the Holy Spirit.

1) WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is God Himself. He is the 3rd person of the trinity. He is the one that puts to work God's instruction. He is a member of the Godhead. Genesis 1:26 E.g. in Genesis 1:26, when God said Let "us" make man in our own image, after our *likeness*....., it was the Holy Spirit that went to work.

Also we see the Holy Spirit at work in Genesis 1:2 "..... and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." It was the Holy Spirit that created the earth when God spoke. He is the angel of God's presence (Isaiah 63:9). He is the person that brings to us on earth the presence of the God the Father. Jesus is in heaven, but His presence can be felt here on earth through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. God dwells between the cherubim of glory, but His presence can be felt in this world through the Holy Ghost.

Being a Spirit, we cannot see Him with the optical eyes, but we can see His manifestation. He is as real as the person sitting next to you (John 14:17). He has a personality, just as every human being has a personality. He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30), and can talk (Acts 13:2). God is too big to dwell in us but He is able to dwell in us by the Holy Spirit. Any time it was recorded that God appeared to men, it was the Holy Ghost that brought to them the presence of God. He is the angel of God's presence. He is one of the same kind with Jesus (John 14:16-20).

The Holy Spirit is also known as *Allos Parakletos*, meaning another Comforter of the same kind, called alongside to help. He is not of a different kind but of the same kind with the Lord Jesus Christ. He talks, heals, saves and does everything like Jesus. Jesus is just like the Father; it then means that the Holy Ghost is just like the father. This implies that the Father, Jesus and the Holy Ghost are one and the same. The Father says the same things as Jesus, just as the Holy Ghost speaks the very words of Jesus (John 16:13).

God and Jesus cannot be everywhere at the same time (God is in Heaven and Jesus is seated at the right hand of God), but the Holy Spirit is the one who takes the presence of God everywhere at the same time.

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN

Acts 1:8, Luke 4:17-18

When a man receives the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit gives him the dynamic ability to live the Christian life successfully. It is impossible to win another to Christ without the power of the Holy Spirit.

3) SEVEN SYNONYMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Apart from being known as the Holy Spirit, there are 7 other ways or revelations a Believer can have of the Holy Spirit that will help him in his walk and relationship with the Holy Spirit.

- **He is our Comforter John 14:16-17 , 2nd Corinthians 1:3**

The Holy Spirit comforts Christians. There are times when the Christian may be discouraged, or goes through some challenges that may want to discourage him but the Holy Spirit encourages the Christian to move ahead and overcome those challenges.

- **He is our Counselor Psalm 16:7, Isaiah 11:2**

It is the Holy Spirit who instructs you in your inward man. He gives you instructions by which he guides your life. For example things that concern daily living such as decision making.

- **He is our Helper Psalm 46:1, Romans 8:16**

The Holy Spirit is our Helper. When you receive Him into your life, you should never say again *'I don't have anybody to help me'*. This is because God has the right people in the right place to help you at the right time. God orchestrates help to us whenever we need it via the ministration of the Holy Spirit. There are times that a Christian may be confused about something but the Holy Spirit helps us by witnessing to our spirit.

- **He is our Intercessor Romans 8:26**

There are times that we have an urge to pray but we really may not know what to pray about or the exact words to use. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray in words that cannot be articulated. The prayer sometimes may not be about things that concern us specifically but we find ourselves interceding for someone.

- **He is Our Teacher 1st Corinthians 2:9-11, John 16:13**

The Holy Spirit teaches us deep truth to our understanding. There are times that we may not have full understanding of a matter but the Holy Spirit makes it easy for us to understand by teaching us through our spirit.

- **He is Our Strengthened Philippians 4:13, Isaiah 11:2**

There are times that we feel limited to do some things, maybe physically or mentally. With the Holy Spirit in us, we know that we are strengthened on every side. We can actually receive strength by the Holy Spirit for whatever we need it for.

E.g. some people sometimes pass out because they have high blood pressure - they black out all of a sudden. Such things are not supposed to happen to you. You can stop them by applying the power of the Holy Spirit.

- **He is Our Standby Romans 8:11**

When you run out of everything, strength, information, ideas, and opinion. There is a standby the Holy Spirit. He will give life to your body. He will energize your spirit and supply you with the necessary knowledge, wisdom and understanding.

The Holy Spirit is our Standby, to take over and carry on when we have reached our limits.

4) HOW TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT - Acts 1:8, Acts 19:6

Every Christian can receive the Holy Spirit as this is not restricted to a selected few but to all believers. The Christian can receive by:

Through the laying of hands

We can also confess it

5) SPEAKING IN TONGUES AND ITS PURPOSES

When a Christian has received the Holy Spirit, this must manifest by the ability to speak in other tongues. Speaking in tongues is one of the signs of a Believer. Mark 16:17

The reasons for speaking in tongues are as follows:

To Build our faith. Jude 20

As we pray in the Holy Ghost (speaking in tongues), we see ourselves having received answers to our prayers/petitions and we begin to act as those that have received - this is faith.

The more we spend time to speak in other tongues, the more our faith is built up! At a point, we know that nothing is impossible to us!

It is one of the SIGNS of a believer. Mark 16:17

Speaking in tongues is one of the ways to recognize a believer. When you say you are born again, people look out to see if you speak in tongues as this sets you apart as truly born again.

To Edify yourself. 1Corinthians 14:4

Example: when you need to make a decision or to know the direction to go in any area of your life (school, job, business, family and finances). As you speak in tongues, your mind becomes quiet then you can pick the information from your spirit.

To Glorify God. Acts 10:46, 1Corinthians 14:17

True praise and worship can only be by speaking in other tongues. This is because there are not enough words in any of the earthly vocabulary to glorify God.

To Speak Mysteries to God. 1Corinthians 4:2a

Mysteries are hidden truths only revealed to the initiated, mostly verbalized in esoteric language. It is the language of God and Angels.

6) THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD.

A. Spirit of God Isaiah 11:2

a. **The Spirit of the Lord** – 2 Chronicles 15:1 – 2 is known as the Spirit of Lordship or Spirit of Dominion.

B. Spirit of Might Isaiah 11:1–2

Samson had the spirit of might that's why he was able to destroy or tear the lion apart, he also pulled a whole building by holding just the pillars. For us Christians the Spirit of Might makes us bold, you can pray to be strengthened with might in your inner man.

C. The Spirit of Fear of The Lord 2 Corinthians 14:4

This means reverence; when he comes into a place, things change. He disciplines people and sets things in order. When Ananias and Sapphires misbehaved, He struck them dead and great fear came upon the people. (Isaiah 11:2)

D. The Spirit of Wisdom Isaiah 11:2, 1 Corinthians 1:30

Is the one who brings you the wisdom of God. Paul prayed for the Christians in Ephesians that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ the father of Glory may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him – Ephesians 1:17-18. The spirit of wisdom is the one who helps you understand the hope to which you have been called. Ephesians 3:18-19.

E. The Spirit of Understanding Isaiah 11:2

F. The Spirit of Knowledge

Knowledge according to Webster dictionary is the fact or condition of being aware of something or knowing something with familiarity gained through experience or association. According to the Word of God, knowledge is exact, specific, specialized and absolute. Revelation Knowledge is knowledge from the Spirit of God that is imparted to the human spirit with any material medium. Most times, the difference between a successful, victorious Christian and the one who is not is the knowledge they have.

G. The Spirit of Counsel

The spirit of counsel spoke to Paul where to go to preach (Acts 16:6-10). The (Holy Spirit) is also the extraordinary strategist. Example: Sister Joy's car stopped on the train rail, while she was trying to start the car a train was approaching, suddenly the Spirit of God counseled her on how to start the car immediately she did what God asked her to do. The car engine came alive and she was able to save the car from being destroyed by a train.

7. THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE MINISTRY GIFTS.

a. The Difference between the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and its Fruit of the recreated human spirit.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit 1 Cor. 12: 7 – 10 are gifts given to believers by the Holy Spirit as He wills for the common good and the edification of the Church.

- There are nine gifts of the Spirit as outlined in I Corinthians 12:8-11.
(i) Word of wisdom (ii) Word of knowledge (iii) Faith (iv) Gifts of healing
(v) Working of miracles (vi) Prophecy (vii) Discerning of spirits (viii) Diverse kinds of tongues
(ix) Interpretation of tongues.

- The fruit of the recreated human spirit is the product of our recreated nature. We have all of the fruit of the Spirit inside us. They come with our righteous nature.

- *Galatians 5:22* "But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance".

- *ANALOGY: Just like we can only tell a tree by its fruit, the Fruit of the Holy Spirit are the identifying attributes of the New Creation.*

b. **Ministry Gifts** (Heb. 5:4) is a Calling into an Office in the Body of Christ. The offices are namely: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher. Those Called into these offices are given the responsibility to PERFECT THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY. In other words, to prepare and build up the saints, so they can fulfill God's purpose for their lives on earth. However, it is not everybody that occupies these offices. It is a calling.

Ministry gift is a calling into an office but the gifts of the Holy Spirit can actually be desired.

c. Every Christian can walk in the power of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:38 – 39

- The Holy Spirit is received after salvation. It is the Holy Spirit coming upon man to enable him do the supernatural. It is man receiving God's ability, becoming identified with the omnipotence of God by the enablement of the Holy Spirit.

- Acts 1:8 says: "*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...*"

- The power here means *Dunamis*. It is the dynamic ability to cause changes. God's ability is received after the Holy Ghost comes upon one's life. The Holy Ghost is received by faith and He's mostly received by the laying on of hands (Acts 9:17, Acts 8:17, Acts 8:6).

- Receiving the Holy Ghost means receiving the anointing for Christian Service (1 John 2:20, 27; 2 Corinthians 1:21). It is God equipping you with the ability to do what He would have done if physically present on earth. You receive the power to preach the gospel, heal the sick and raise the dead. The Holy Ghost is for every child of God and is received by faith (Gal. 3:2). This is a gift (Acts 2.38). Since it is a gift you don't have to work it - you only receive it when you hear that God desires to fill you with His Spirit. Once you believe and act on the Word, the Holy Ghost comes upon you immediately.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the importance of Speaking in Tongues?
2. What is the Difference between the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Fruit of the Recreated Human Spirit?
3. List the 7 Spirits of God and explain 3 of them with Scriptural references.

CONFESSION

I'm full of the Holy Ghost, in Him I live, move and have my being and I declare that in whatever I do I do by the Power of The Holy Spirit that causes me to triumph daily. I can never be defeated, discouraged or helpless because the Holy Ghost lives in me and I manifest His character, Glory to God!

CLASS 3: CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

*That participants would understand the fundamental doctrines of the things that are most surely believed in the new Christian-dom on Righteousness, Laying on of hands, Sanctification, Holiness, and Baptism and what their role is in fulfilling these doctrines in their life.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

1. “We are in a new Kingdom, operating by a different set of rules”

In Hebrews 12:22-23, the Bible says,

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*...Ye are come unto Mount Zion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem; and to an innumerable company of angels, **To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect**”*

When we received Christ into our lives, He made us new creatures (2 Cor. 5:17)

- We are now in a New Kingdom (Col. 1:12-13).
- In this New Kingdom, we have a lifestyle which is based entirely on the faith of God’s Word (Romans 12:3, Hebrews 11:6).
- When we were in the world, there were certain mannerisms, lifestyles or ethics that we learnt, either consciously or unconsciously. We now evaluate them in the light of God’s Word and also take on the God-kind of lifestyle in the New Testament.
- This class deals with these lifestyles which have become doctrines in the church of God, and especially this local assembly Grace House Church

2. Meaning of Doctrine

- A doctrine is a recognizable principle of beliefs, teachings, values or instructions that are adhere to, believed, taught and practiced by a given set of people.
- Most doctrines are transferable concepts, which have been handed down to us formally or informally; for example in the new testament, we have these major doctrines – Righteousness, Baptism, Sanctification, Prosperity, etc. Each of them is important in ensuring that we live a sound Christian life.

a. It means teaching or learning: 1Timothy 4:13

- Learning can be conscious (e.g. School, Ministry Materials, etc.) and unconsciously (e.g. TV, News, etc.) ; Acts 2:42
- Learning can be through culture or society and similarly the Church is a place of learning.

b. Being established upon the truth: Ephesians 4:14 ; Acts 20:28-32.

Doctrine of Righteousness : Heb. 5:17

We are God's Righteousness Romans 5:17, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 2 Corinthians 4:13. Romans 10:1-40,

- It is the very nature of God that you received that moment you gave your heart to Christ. Just as a baby can't be more human than himself, you also cannot be more righteous than you are from the day you got saved.
- Righteousness is the nature of God that gives us a right standing in His presence. It is righteousness that gives the ability to reign in life, living in God's presence without a feeling (or any sense) of guilt, inferiority or condemnation.
- It is a gift bestowed upon us by God irrespective of whatever good we have done. This gift is received by faith, not of works.
- Your Righteousness is the same as that of Jesus Christ irrespective of what you do. For example "Tarzan" was raised by monkeys but he is still a man. You are the righteousness of God irrespective of who you move with or what you do.
- It is our tool of dominion. It is received by faith because it is a gift and not by observing the works of the law.
- We submit to God's righteousness by ceasing to trust in our own works (Romans 10:1-5). (Philippians 3:9). Romans 5:17

Access to God's presence: Ephesians 2:18,

- It gives us the ability to stand before God without a sense of guilt, inferiority or condemnation. Ephesians 3:12

c. Gives you boldness: Proverbs 28:1, Hebrews 10:19

d. Gives you peace: Isaiah 32:17,

• We are now called Saints, Just, and Righteous. That is who you are today.

Answer your name! Romans 5:1

4. The Foundational Doctrines of Christ: Hebrews 6:1-2

• Certain truths contained in the Word are referred to as foundational principles of the doctrines of Christ. They are fundamental to faith and form the foundation of a sound Christian experience.

• *Heb. 6:1-2.*

“Therefore living the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment”.

• Any doctrine that in any way disagrees with these fundamental doctrines is according to the standard of God’s Word a **false doctrine**. They therefore form a good reference point for judging any doctrine.

. Repentance from dead works: Hebrews 9:12-14,

• It is essential for a Christian to realize that he is justified by the faith and not by any thing that he did or does. That is all that is required for salvation.

Gal. 2:16.

• In Heb. 9:11-14, the writer lets us know that through the blood of Christ, we have our consciences purged from dead works to serve the living God.

• What are these dead works? Studying from verses 11-13 of the same chapter, we can see that the Apostle Paul was talking about the ritual by which people of the Old Testament came to God. He is letting them know that no act of sacrifices on our part to please God is acceptable. Rather God sees them as dead works. All that is required for us is to believe and be justified.

ii. Faith towards God: Hebrews 11:1-6,

• The Bible says in Hebrews 11:1-2, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report”.

Romans 1:17, 2 Corinthians 5:7.

• The life of the believer is a life of faith, and God has called us to live in the realm of faith. As God’s children, we walk by faith and not by sight. ‘Sight’

here means sensory perceptions. (2 Cor. 5:7).

- Before we got born again, we were led by our sensory perceptions, but now God wants us to change. He wants us to live in His realm, the realm of faith.
- To some people, the life of faith is a struggle, but it shouldn't be like that for a Christian, because we are born in faith. The Bible says in Romans 12:3, that we have received the measure of faith.
- This is the measure of faith that brought us to Christ by our responding to the Word of God (Romans 10:9-10).
- It is every believer's responsibility to develop his faith. "Now faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). As we hear the Word of God, we are building up our faith; so every believer must make conscious efforts of continually hearing the Word of God not just by attending church gatherings or being in meetings where the Word of God is taught, but also by buying relevant audio and video tapes and other faith-building materials.

iii. Baptisms

- The word 'baptize' is derived from the Greek word 'baptizo', which means to 'immerse completely into'.

a. Baptism of the Holy Spirit (New Birth): 1 Cor. 12:13

; Eph. 4:4-5

This is Baptism into Christ : This is what happens when a man is born again, by the Holy Ghost. He is buried into Christ in identification. He thus partakes of His death, burial and, consequently, resurrection into a new life.

b. Water Baptism: Rom. 6:3-5 1 Peter 3:21

Baptism by immersion in water : This is one of the sacraments of the church of Christ. It is the immersion of one completely into water, and is an outward manifestation of what happens to a man when he is born again, and baptized into Christ. It was commanded by the Lord Himself as a sign of faith, showing the world that we have believed and identify with the redemption of God for mankind.

Laying on of hands:

- The main reason for the laying on of hands is for the impartation of grace upon an individual either for healing or empowerment or to impart a gift. During the laying on of hands that has to do with imparting a spiritual blessing, it often goes along with a

prophecy. For example in Numbers 27:18-23, where Moses laid hands on Joshua to impart his authority, we find that, by the Spirit, Moses gave him charge. Deuteronomy 34:9 later records that Joshua was full of the Spirit of wisdom because Moses laid hands on him.

- a. Healing: (Mark 16:18);
- b. The infilling of the Holy Spirit: (Acts 19:6);
 - For those that are yet to receive the Holy Ghost
- c. Impartation of spiritual gifts: (1 Timothy 4:14);
- d. Ordination into the ministry: (Acts 13:1-3)

v. Resurrection from the dead : John 5:28-29, 1 Thess. 4:13-16, 1 Cor. 15:19

- The scriptures record that it is appointed for a man to die once and after that, judgment (Heb. 9:27). But from the understanding of God's Word, we know that death is an enemy.
- God never means for a man to die but through the disobedience of man death came into the earth.
- The bible says in Rom. 5:17. "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ".
- Death reigned until the obedience of Christ. Now Christ has abolished death (2 Tim. 1:2-10) and has given us the power to choose life.
- In Christ Jesus, death is a choice for the believer. Death cannot reign over us, but those who died in Christ have hope in the resurrection. (1 Thess. 4:13-16).
- We believe in the resurrection of the dead because the word of God teaches us so. Man is a Spirit being and does not go to extinct when he dies. His spirit goes to his master – either God or the devil (Rom. 6:16) but his body is buried and returns to dust.
- Scriptural References: John 5:28-29, 1 Thess. 4:13-16, Heb. 9:27

Eternal judgment

The scriptures record that it is appointed for a man to die once and after that the judgment (Hebrews 9:27). We have two types of judgment, one for believers and the other for unbelievers:

- a. Christian Judgment for Reward: Romans 14:10, 1 Corinthians 3:11-16

Judgment Seat of Christ: The judgment seat of Christ is where Christians receive rewards for the deeds they performed while on earth (1 Cor. 3:13-15). Note that the Christian will not face the judgment seat to be condemned or judged. There is absolutely no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1, 14:10).

b. Judgment of the unbelievers for condemnation: Revelations 20:11-15

The Great White Throne Judgment: This is when the non-Christians will be judged or condemned for not accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Here the Church also will be present together with God to pass judgment on the non-Christians (1 Cor. 6:2-3).

5. Doctrine on Sanctification: Hebrews 10:10, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 1 Corinthians 1:30

This means ‘consecration’ or separation from others for a special use. It is twofold:

- The first fold is the separation of the believer from the world when he gets born-again. This is instantaneous upon receiving Christ.

In this first fold, God takes you from the world. It’s like taking you out from the mud.

“But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified in the name of the lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God”. **1 Cor. 6:11** see also **Heb. 10:10, Jude 1**.

This first fold of Sanctification is done by God and God alone through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- The second fold is the ultimate separation of the believer unto God.

This is by the Word of God affecting his whole being – (Spirit, Soul & Body).

This is gradual. It is not progressive or procedural, but it is and should be continuous.

In this second fold, the world is taken out of the believer. Remember that in the first fold He took the sinner out of the mud, now in this second fold, the mud is taken out of the believer. It’s like taking a bath with water and soap. *“Sanctify them through thy word, thy word is truth”* **Jn. 17:17**.

It is your personal responsibility to receive the Word into you through meditation, study and listening to the Word of God diligently e.g. buying and actually using our ministry materials.

Scriptural references: **Heb. 10:10, 1 Cor. 6:11, 1 Cor. 1:2, 1 Thess. 4:4, 2 Tim. 2:22**

Doctrine on Holiness: 1 Corinthians 6:19, Hebrews 3:1

- Holiness is our positioning - where we are in Christ.
- The example of when we give our offering. While it is still with us, it is ours but once

we drop it on the altar it is no longer ours. That's why you don't collect change when you give offering.

- Your Holiness has nothing to do with what you do, it is who you are.
- What makes you holy is the fact that your body is now the temple of the Holy Ghost who dwells in you. **1Corinthians 6:19**
- You are no longer your own. You are bought with a price.

7. Doctrine on the law: Romans 8:1-3, Ephesians 2:15, Hebrews 7:18-19

A law functions and it is effective whether or not you are aware of its existence. The Bible talks about 3 Important laws:

i. The Law of Moses –

- Was never for the gentiles but even so,
- Christ has abolished the law **Ephesians 2:15;**
- For the Love of God that is shed abroad in our heart (Rom. 8:5) is the fulfillment of the law (Rom. 13:10)
- You therefore no longer have to keep the letters of the Ten Commandments and all the other laws of Moses, yet these laws are fulfilled in us as we do the Word and walk in love.

ii. The law of Sin and Death –

- Is the nature at work in the natural unregenerate man that causes man to tend to do wrong always, that brings death, sickness, failure and everything evil upon the natural man.
- Like the law of gravity (all that goes up must come down) man is helplessly subject to this law.
- But in Christ we are more than mere men because we have received inherent power by the Holy Ghost.

iii. The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus -

- This is the law of God that is at work in every born-again child of God.
- **Illustration:** Like the law of Lift (that enables a plane to fly and remain up

there for as long as it wants to despite the existence of the law of gravity), so are we (the new creature in Christ) able to rise above the elements of this world and every fiery dart of the wicked.

- You have to be aware and live in the consciousness of this law so that you will constantly activate it, by faith through your faith proclamations.
- You can rise above the common flu or plague, sickness, fear, failure, lack, etc. by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

8. Doctrine on Deliverance: Colossians 1:12-13; Mark 16:17

- The word deliver means ‘to take out’ ‘to save’ ‘rescue from’ for example from danger. Salvation is the central theme of the gospel, and one of its benefits to the new creation is deliverance.
- God had delivered us out of the control and the dominion of the darkness. We are free from the power, hold, dominion or authority of darkness – Col. 1:13.
- This is a present tense reality; Jesus came to redeem man not just by paying a price (ransom) but by force Exodus 6:6.
- Jesus made a public display of Satan’s defeat. He conquered and disarmed the power of darkness and spoiled them, that is, He took everything they had that was of value from them – Col. 2:15.
- This victory secured our deliverance. What’s more? He translated us into the kingdom of His dear son. He brought us “out” to “take us in”.
- We “have been” delivered (past tense) out the domain of failure, fear, poverty, sickness ... Not “will be” delivered. It has happened already. It is our present-tense possession.

God did not stop here; He also gave us authority over satan and all his cohorts in the name of Jesus – Eph. 1:22, Phil. 2:9-11.

- We have been given the power of attorney to use His name and in that name, we cast out devils Mark 16:17.
- The power of darkness that we used to be afraid of is now like you knowing someone that used to scare you with a toy gun, but now that you have a real gun (AKA 47) in your hand, you are now the terror to him. Now think how silly it will be for you with a live gun to be scared of or hide from a bully with a toy gun!

REVISION QUESTIONS

1. List the ___ Foundational Doctrines of Christ. Discuss briefly on each one.

- a. Repentance from dead works
- b. Faith towards God
- c. Baptism
- d. Laying on of hands
- e. Resurrection of the dead
- f. Eternal judgment
- 2. Analyze the other Doctrines of Christ
 - a. Righteousness
 - b. Deliverance
 - c. Holiness
 - d. The three important Laws

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I am the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Love is my nature.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

“But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect” (Hebrews 12: 22-23).