

Dear Friend,

I thank God for the day that Sue and I first attended the Family Prayer Center in Tulsa and began hearing pastor Dave Roberson teach us about the ministry of the Holy Spirit. One of the primary functions of the Holy Spirit is to teach us the truth concerning the kingdom of God. Jesus said,

John 16:13 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 will guide you into all truth. The reason that phrase stood out to me so much was because we had already been saved and filled with the Spirit for more than twelve years by the time we first began hearing pastor Dave teach on these things. Sadly, we had been taught many things by well-meaning pastors and teachers ... that simply were not true. They had good intentions. They did not purposely lie to us. But they did anyway, thinking they were telling us truth.

I was fed up with man's opinions. Opinions are a dime a dozen. Everybody has one. I wanted TRUTH. And I did not care if that TRUTH upset the applecart of my life or not. I did not care if it produced the necessity for change in my life. I wanted the TRUTH and now I knew how I could obtain it ... directly from God the Holy Spirit Himself ... TRUTH untarnished by man's opinion.

As I began putting into practice what pastor Dave was teaching, I discovered that wonderful teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. By yielding to the Holy Spirit, He began tearing down fortresses of deception that had been erected in my mind through false doctrine taught me from the time I was a child. And then, once the deception had been torn down, the Holy Spirit would begin building the truth within me, almost brick by brick, line by line, until I understood another mystery of the kingdom, and then another, and then another. Each revelation seemed to build upon the previous revelation.

I began to feel like an archaeologist who was digging down through two thousand years of religious rubble looking for the original foundation stones laid by Jesus Christ and His apostles. It was a slow process, and it still is as His teaching ministry continues within me. But every now and then, another foundational stone of truth was discovered. Isaiah prophesied about this process:

Isaiah 28:9-10 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.* (10) For precept *must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:*

I had heard those verses quoted many times by various preachers over the years and I knew part of the process was that it was to be a line upon line, precept upon precept process. But it was not until we began to hear pastor Dave Roberson that I ever heard a preacher include the very next verse as a key to the process. The next verse in Isaiah's prophecy says,

Isaiah 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

This was so foreign to my thinking at first. What in the world did stammering lips and another tongue

have to do with being taught the truth? I will never forget the day I first heard pastor Dave Roberson connect that passage in Isaiah with Paul's writing to the church at Corinth,

1 Corinthians 14:2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

Dave would say, "When you speak in tongues, you are speaking to God, and you are speaking mysteries. How many of you think you are explaining mysteries to God? (We would all laugh at the thought of it.) No, God is explaining mysteries to you. By speaking in an unknown tongue, your spirit is in direct communication with God the Holy Spirit and He is revealing pure TRUTH to your reborn spirit. You greatly assist the Holy Spirit in this process if you learn to meditate the Word of God and spend much time praying in tongues. Learn to release the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit so He can guide you into all TRUTH."

This is the month we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said of Himself, "I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life." Jesus IS the TRUTH. As we learn to release the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit, He immediately begins teaching us directly everything Christ is in us, to us, and through us. The whole world lies in darkness. The whole world tries to convince us it is truth using the "facts" of this present existence. But they are only facts, not truth. Let me tell you ... TRUTH CHANGES FACTS! Don't believe me? Ask Lazarus if a man can rise from the dead. Ask those at the wedding feast of Cana if water can be instantly turned into wine. Ask the man born blind if he has to stay blind. Ask the man born lame from his mother's womb if a cripple can walk again.

Thank God Jesus is the TRUTH. Thank God we have the Holy Spirit Who is eager to guide us into all TRUTH. I am so excited about this coming new year. I believe we are on the precipice of the greatest days of the gospel of the kingdom of God. Be encouraged ... THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Your friend and co-laborer,

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