THE COMFORTER INFUSION OF GOD'S (YAH'S) HOLY SPIRIT

What is the Comforter or as some call a "Comforting Counselor"? Why was it needed? What are its benefits? This study seeks to amplify the incredible infusion of benefits the Comforter offers in serving our faith. Yeshua, during the last meeting with his disciples before His imminent capture into imprisonment, enthusiastically endorsed this essential, divine ingredient, Yah's Holy Spirit, named The Comforter, a Helper, provided by the Father, Yah. Its purpose would actively, effectively influence prospective present and future believers. As such, this proffered aid has collectively, invaluably facilitated the spread of the Good News ministry to become manifest throughout the world.

This holy infusion of His Spirit became reality despite Yeshua's highly effective ministry replete with miracles worked during his 42 month earthly stay with us. The Bible records His countless hours of actively teaching hordes of people when He often personalized their lives with His acclaimed parables that detailed timeless, applicable analogies that if successfully applied would ensure successful in-faith living. The Father and Son knew that this Comforter, this divine God compliment: an intercessor, consoler, advocate, was and would become the epitome of the most essential, fulfilling testament to all truth, offering an unlimited source of primary spirituality that would be uniquely qualified to expound upon, impute the glory of God as entirely relevant, a pure gift of love that would provide maximum benefit to humankind.

The Comforter being divine, changeless, eternal, is the active spirit-will, God-power of the Father, in Hebrew Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit. Many Christians regard the Father's Holy Spirit as a third person of a God Trinity, (complete with personal pronouns) confirmed 'official' by the Council of Nicea in 325CE. This long-adopted, mainline Trinitarian interpretation has spawned centuries-old war-generating controversies. This study will avoid this impasse by focusing upon the overwhelming spiritual benefit that the living God's active infusion of His Holy Spirit provides in serving each receptive believer.

Highlighted in biblical history, God, on occasion, willed that his Holy Spirit be given to selected individuals. For example, centuries before Yeshua's prescience on earth, the Holy Spirit was scripturally confirmed in activating Abraham to believe, accept God's revelation that he and his wife Sarah, despite their living many decades beyond parenting age, effectively biologically dead, would conceive to become parents that would establish a vastly populated Jewish nation. Such belief, kindled by the Holy Spirit motivating them to obey, was accounted as righteousness as they believed, and were following God's commands, being influenced by His Spirit, 430 years before the law was codified that would come to define sinful behavior as that which is disobedient, not following God's law.

Yeshua's ministry to humanity essentially consisted of a verbatim word by word dictation from the Father to His Son. Being that the Father and the Son are one in Spirit, the Comforter becomes a transformative extension of spiritual power that exposes God's essence of boundless love to believers; a power that inspires within each believer to initiate an active effort to become a new creation: a righteous loving disciple fully surrendered, obedient to the Way, having found his or her ultimate, if maintained, straight and narrow path to salvation.

Thus the Holy Spirit promotes our intense will to engage with the mind/will of God through an applied effort of loving obedience to His ways that collectively, often despite many unsuccessful attempts, coalesces into an achieved righteousness in becoming His born again new creation.

These verses confirm Yeshua's endorsement of the Comforter (Helper):

John 16:7-15 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

A salient benefit to developing faith, trust, in each believer's spiritual process lies in the Holy Spirit's nature to both effectively challenge and overcome all sources of evil in customizing each believer's righteous path to salvation.

Galatians 5:16-21 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22-26 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 6:8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Colossians 1:9-10 Therefore, from the day we heard of it, we have not stopped praying for you, asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will in all the wisdom and understanding which the Spirit gives. 10 So that you may live lives worthy of the Lord and entirely pleasing to Him, being fruitful in every good work and multiplying in the full knowledge of God.

A knowledge revealed through the Spirit that "No eye has seen, no ear has heard and no one's heart has imagined." 1 Corinthians 2:8.

1Corinthians 2:10B-13 For the Spirit probes all things, even the profoundest depths of God. 11 For who knows the inner workings of a person except the person's own spirit inside him? So too no one knows the inner workings of God except God's Spirit. 12 Now we have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit of God, so that we might understand the things God has freely given us. 13 These are the things we are talking about when we avoid the manner of speaking that human wisdom would dictate and instead use a manner of speaking taught by the Spirit, by which we explain things of the Spirit to people who have the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 4:1-6 I, (Paul) therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Romans 8:11 And if the spirit of the One who raised Yeshua from the dead is living in you, then the One who raised the Messiah Yeshua from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit living in you.

Paul compares the glory generated by the tablets of the law given on Mt. Sinai to the incomparable working of the Spirit of ADONAI.

2Corithians 3:7-18 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. 10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. 11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious. 12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech—13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Paul continues, discussing the psychological role the Spirit plays in programming the mind into avoiding entrenched, rationalized carnal desires.

Romans 8:2-6 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

As a corollary to the first point, Paul describes how consummately the Holy Spirit wraps around our very ethos of thought, helping us in our weakness, teaching us how to pray in combating against the Adversary by engaging us to submit into righteous behavior, into a loving obedience to God. How priceless!

Romans 8:26-30 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

The Spirit leads us to become God's sons, heirs while liberating us from all forms of slavery.

Romans 8:14-17 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Mark 13:11 Now when they arrest you and bring you to trial, don't worry beforehand about what to say. Rather, say whatever is given you when the time comes; for it will not be just you speaking, but the *Ruach HaKodesh*.

In Acts 13:1-3 and in 16:6-8 God's Holy Spirit on occasion actively intervenes in directing changes in Paul's ministry. In one instance, the Spirit issues orders to "set aside for me Bar-Nabba and Sha'ul (Paul) for the work which I have called them."

Conclusion

Romans 9: 1-2A I Paul am speaking the truth — as one who belongs to the Messiah, I do not lie; and also bearing witness is my conscience, governed by the *Ruach HaKodesh*: 2 my grief is so great, the pain in my heart so constant. . . thus truth remains as the only doctrinal result possible

produced by the Holy Spirit as affirmed by Paul, arguably the greatest human theologian of God's New Testament doctrines.

As a review: During near the end of Yeshua's ministry, He stressed the necessity for the disciples to receive the Comforter. Although the disciples had been with Yeshua for an extended portion of His ministry, their understanding of the true ramifications of whom He was and what His mission purpose on earth entailed often became clouded or incomplete. The Father, and Yeshua, thinking ahead, knew that the process of believer-conversion began with a surrender after an initial receptivity of mind which established a nascent but often fragile trust in the Good News. Knowing that Yeshua would soon be resurrected, an enduring injection of divine understanding was provided by the power of the Holy Spirit from the Father. This infusion would immeasurably, emphatically prove as the priceless ingredient to sharpen understanding of Yah's entire mission and purpose for His presence within humanity – would provide a zenith of understanding in how to successfully interact to overcome this corruptible, carnal world, would provide the wellspring of encouragement, embracing an irrefutable theological rationale for believers to successfully contend with and defeat any argued philosophical impediment of challenge to their faith, their trust in God. A power provided not only for apostles and disciples in Yeshua's time, but for incorporation into their come-to-be written epistles presented to and handed down, inspiring us as current believers. Their memories then having been cleansed by the Holy Spirit for crystal clear recall expressly tailored for our daily study and implementation into living our righteous path to salvation.

Yet with the Comforter founded upon Yeshua's sacrifice, comes the dire warning of presumptuously sinning:

Hebrews 10:28-29 Someone who disregards the Torah of Moshe is put to death without mercy on the word of two or three witnesses. 29 Think how much more will be the punishment deserved by someone who has trampled underfoot the Son of God; who has treated as something common the blood of the covenant which made him holy; and who has insulted the Spirit, giver of God's grace!

From my personal standpoint, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit's power, its holy presence of spiritual energy within me that directs all righteous actions, yields a serene confidence about my spiritual strength, sufficient to overcome the utter arrogance and futility of any naked human mind, regardless of intellectual caliber and/or apogee of pedagogic attainment, to ever challenge, diminish or supplant in any manner my crescendo of joy over the new born reality of a continued faith lived in a righteous state establishing my eternal relationship with God. From this astounding realization, swells the permanent, protective feeling of peace beyond all understanding, a solace, buoyed with burgeoning, unbridled anticipation over an eternal-divine, love-perfected-companionship awaiting us with God the Father, and His Son, Yeshua! Sela

Verse to ponder:

PS 51:11 Don't thrust me away from your presence, don't take your Ruach Kodesh away from me.

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