Do YOU have the WITNESS? Day star Publications May 15, 2009

"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you <u>an-other</u> Comforter, that <u>he may abide with you</u> FOR EVER; even <u>the Spirit of truth</u>; whom the world cannot receive, <u>because</u> it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and <u>shall be in you</u>" (JOHN 14:16, 17).

Jesus said His Father would send us another Comforter, and He did, the Spirit of <u>**TRUTH**</u>, that <u>**HE**</u> may abide with us <u>**FOREVER**</u>. <u>But most people don't be-</u> <u>lieve it</u>.

Jesus also said that the Comforter shall be "<u>IN YOU</u>." Do you <u>know</u> if <u>HE</u> is abiding <u>in</u> you? If you are a believer, you <u>do</u>, because Paul said, "the <u>SPIRIT</u> itself <u>beareth witness</u> (TO TESTIFY) with <u>our spirit</u>, that we are the children of God" (ROMANS 8:16).

But "<u>how</u>" does the Holy Spirit <u>testify</u> to our spirit that we are the children of God? Is it by jumping up and



shouting in church? Is it by being "slain" in the Spirit? Is it by speaking in an <u>unknown</u> tongue?

A "**witness**" is a person who **SAW** or **HEARD** something **FIRSTHAND** and can testify to its' truth. Speaking of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said,

"Howbeit when <u>HE</u>, the <u>SPIRIT OF TRUTH</u>, is come, he will <u>guide you</u> into <u>all truth</u>: for <u>he</u> <u>shall not speak of himself</u>; but whatsoever <u>he</u> <u>shall hear</u>, <u>that shall he speak</u>: and he will <u>SHOW YOU</u> things to come" (JOHN 16:13). <u>The</u> <u>guestion is, Do you believe it</u>? Jesus describes everyone that is born of the spirit: *"The <u>wind bloweth where it listeth</u>, and <u>thou</u> <u>hearest the sound thereof</u>, but <u>canst not tell</u> <u>whence it cometh</u>, and <u>whither it goeth</u>: so is <u>EVERY ONE</u> that is <u>born of the Spirit</u>" (JOHN 3:5-8).*

<u>True</u> Christianity is spiritual, <u>not</u> religious rituals. Religion has a "<u>form of godliness</u>" (2 TIM. 3:5) but they "<u>deny the power</u>" (**THE HOLY SPIRIT**) because they "...<u>seeth him not, neither knoweth him</u>" (JOHN 14:17).

Jesus said, "But the hour cometh, <u>and now is</u>, when the <u>TRUE WORSHIPPERS</u> shall worship the Father <u>in spirit and in truth</u>: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him <u>MUST</u> worship him in <u>SPIRIT</u> and in <u>TRUTH</u>" (JOHN 4:23-24).

"What? KNOW YE NOT that your body is the temple of the <u>Holy Ghost</u> which is <u>in you</u>, which <u>ye have of</u> <u>God</u>, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a <u>PRICE</u>" (1 COR. 6:19-20). If <u>YOU</u> don't <u>know</u> this, you <u>can</u>, by <u>honestly</u> answering the following questions:

Do you <u>remember</u> a time in your life when you were A SINNER? The publican did and said, "*God be merciful* to me <u>A SINNER</u>" (LUKE 18:13).

Do you <u>remember</u> hearing the word of God and being <u>reproved</u> by it that you were A SINNER? That is why the Holy Spirit came, "...when he (THE HOLY SPIRIT) is come, he will <u>reprove</u> the world of <u>SIN</u>, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of <u>SIN</u>, because they <u>BELIEVE NOT</u> on me" (JOHN 16:8-9).

Do you <u>remember</u> humbly bowing in prayer to God and repenting of your sins after being reproved? The publican did, "And the publican, <u>standing afar off</u>, <u>would not lift up so much as his eyes</u> unto heaven, but <u>smote upon his breast</u>, saying, God be <u>MERCIFUL</u> to me a sinner" (LUKE 18:13).

If you don't remember, then ask God to make you His child, and the Spirit will bear "**witness**" with **YOU**.

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