

The Holy Spirit - The Spirit of Truth, by Gabrielle Wright

In John 14:1-6 Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus did not say "I know the truth and will tell it to you."

That is what we as His disciples do; we say we know the truth, and point others to Jesus.

In John 8:31-32 Jesus said, "If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." As followers of Christ, we come to the Bible not only to learn truths *about* God, but to meet with Jesus and know the truth *of* God. This relationship with Christ sets us free from the sin that enslaves mankind.

If we look back a little bit further, to the time before Jesus came to earth as a man, the Jews referred to the law as the 'true way of life', obeying the law was the way to be right with God.

The law came from God, and Jesus did not come to abolish it but to fulfil it.

The law did help the people to understand God's will better, but it is in Jesus that we see the eternal truth of God.

We do not need to know more about God than what has been revealed to us through Jesus.

Now, in the year 2017, over 2000 years later, we need some help in understanding Jesus and remembering the true meaning of all that we read in the Bible about Him.

In John 16:13 Jesus said, "When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all truth."

The Spirit will complete the process of salvation - Jesus has revealed the truth of God; Christians witness to the truth; the Holy Spirit guides people into unity with Jesus, the truth.

In John 16:8 Jesus explains this function of the Holy Spirit in more detail.

"When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in *me*, in regard to righteousness, because *I am going to the Father*, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment because the prince of this world now stands condemned."

The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of truth because the Holy Spirit helps us to know and be one with the eternal truth of life - Jesus, God, The Trinity.