

HOLY SPIRIT: A RESPONSIBLE PARTNER

"Now, may the grace and joyous favor of the Lord Jesus Christ, the unambiguous love of God, and the precious communion that we share in the Holy Spirit be yours continually. Amen!" **2 Corinthians 13:14 TPT**

Communion with the Holy Spirit is necessary for victorious living.

Communion is the Greek word **koinonia**.

Koinonia has several meanings, but one primary meaning is that of **partnership**.

"They waved to their business partners in the other boat for help. They ended up completely filling both boats with fish until their boats began to sink!" **Luke 5:7 TPT**

One scholar says that this word used in this context lets us know that Peter was no small-time fisherman. He owned an entire fishing enterprise, and those men in the other boats were his business associates or his company partners.

2 Corinthians 13:14 could convey the following idea:

"and the **PARTNERSHIP** of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

When Jesus' earthly ministry was in operation, He and Holy Spirit worked together.

Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit

Gabriel said, "The Spirit of Holiness will fall upon you and almighty God will spread his shadow of power over you in a cloud of glory! This is why the child born to you will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. **Luke 1:35 TPT**

The Greek word used as a metaphor, "spread his shadow over you," is also the word used at Jesus' transfiguration when the cloud of glory "overshadowed" Jesus on the mountain

"Just then, a radiant cloud began to spread over them, enveloping them all. And God's voice suddenly spoke from the cloud, saying, "This is my most dearly loved Son—always listen to him!" **Mark 9:7 TPT**

The cloud of glory also spread over the disciples. They had to hear what the Father would say about His Son. He was Beloved and what He said was to be obeyed.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

“And as Jesus rose up out of the water, the heavenly realm opened up over him and he saw the Holy Spirit descend out of the heavens and rest upon him in the form of a dove.” **Matthew 3:16 TPT**

Led by the Holy Spirit

Afterward, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the lonely wilderness in order to reveal his strength against the accuser (devil) by going through the ordeal of testing.”
Matthew 4:1 TPT

Healed people by the power of Holy Spirit

“Jesus of Nazareth was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and with great power. He did wonderful things for others and divinely healed all who were under the tyranny of the devil, for God had anointed him.” **Acts 10:38 TPT**

Cast out demons by the power of Holy Spirit

But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you [before you expected it]. **Matthew 12:28 AMPLIFIED**

Was resurrected from the dead by the power of Holy Spirit

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” **Romans 8:11 NASB**

And was seated at God's right hand in the heavenly places through the power of Holy Spirit

“and [so that you will begin to know] what the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His [active, spiritual] power is in us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of His mighty strength which He produced in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places” **Ephesians 1:19,20 AMPLIFIED**

Well, if Jesus needed this kind of ongoing partnership with Holy Spirit in order to accomplish His divine role in the earth, we certainly have to have it as well!

Responsibility

There is another idea conveyed by the word "communion" (koinonia)

The idea of taking responsibility for someone.

Paul wrote to the Philippians and commended them for the generous gift they sent for his ministry.

He told them, "Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction." **Philippians 4:14 KJV**

The word "communicate" here is another use of the word koinonia which comes from sugkoinoneo.

At the time Paul wrote the Philippian letter, he was in prison in Rome. Over the years, he had traveled and preached, raised up churches, worked with leaders, and given his life for the Church. But of all the churches Paul had poured his life into, none of them helped him financially the way they should have.

Paul was in prison in Rome when he received a letter from the Philippians.

The Philippian church had sent an offering to support him during his time of difficulty.

The Philippian church didn't just say, "We'll pray for your situation, Brother," and then forget about Paul.

Instead, they understood their responsibility to help him, so they took up an offering to support him and to communicate their love for him.

They took responsibility for him.

Paul uses the Greek word koinonia to convey this meaning.

The same word he uses in **2 Corinthians 13:14** when he writes about the "**communion of the Holy Spirit.**"

2 Corinthians 13:14 could also be read this way:

"and the RESPONSIBILITY of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

This means that just as Holy Spirit wants to become your Partner, He also wants to assume greater responsibility for you in this world.

If you want, He'll stand by and watch you try to do it all alone.

But if you'll open your heart to the Spirit of God,

He will assume a more active role in your life.

He wants you to know that you are not alone and that He will take responsibility for you!

Decide today to get to know Holy Spirit as your intimate Friend.

Ask Him to be your Partner.

Allow Him to help you fulfill the **responsibilities of your calling in Christ**.

We need to develop a walk of daily communion with the Greater One within us.

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"And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth, who will be to you a friend just like me—and he will never leave you. The world won't receive him because they can't see him or know him. But you will know him intimately, because he will make his home in you and will live inside you." **John 14:16-17 TPT**

{The Greek word *allos* means "another of the same kind." As Jesus is the Savior from the guilt of sin, the Holy Spirit is the Savior who saves us from the power of sin by living through us in fullness.}

The Passion Translation Footnotes

{The Greek word used here is *paráklētos*, a technical word that could be translated "defense attorney." It means "one called to stand next to you as a helper." Various translations have rendered this "Counselor," "Comforter," "Advocate," "Encourager," "Intercessor," or "Helper." However none of these words alone are adequate and fall short in explaining the full meaning. The translator has chosen the word Savior, for it depicts the role of the Holy Spirit to protect, defend, and save us from our self and our enemies and keep us whole and healed. He is the One who guides and defends, comforts and consoles. Keep in mind that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, our Savior. The Aramaic word is *paraqlēta*, which is taken from two root words: (1) *praq*, "to end, finish, or to save," and (2) *lyta*, which means "the curse." What a beautiful word picture, the Holy Spirit comes to end the work of the curse (of sin) in our lives and to save us from its every effect! *Paraqlēta* means "a redeemer who ends the curse." (See Strong's Concordance, Gr. 6561 and 6562; A Compendious Syriac Dictionary, p. 237; and Oraham's Dictionary, p. 250.)