

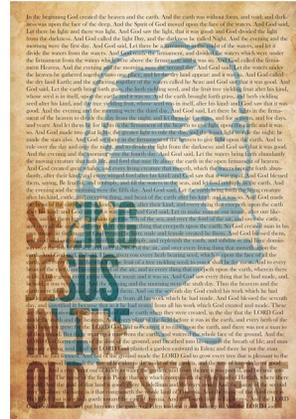


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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

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"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."
-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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Pondering Pentecost

Yesterday the church observed the festival of Pentecost, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever wondered why this event is such a big deal? The eyewitness account of Pentecost from Acts 2 usually takes center stage, but I've been thinking a lot recently about how much Jesus had to say about the Holy Spirit in the gospel of John...

Before Jesus died on the cross he had lots to say to his disciples about the role of the Holy Spirit. So important was the Holy Spirit in their lives that Jesus even spoke of his going away from them as an *advantage* to them. "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper [the Holy Spirit] will not come to you" (Jn. 16:7).

Why would it be so important for the Holy Spirit to come to them? One of the reasons given repeatedly in the gospel of John is that *the Holy Spirit brings with him the words of Jesus*. As Jesus himself explains: "the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (Jn. 14:26).

A bit later in the same context Jesus described the work of the Holy Spirit like this: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.... He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you" (Jn. 16:13-15).

What we can see from these passages is that *the Holy Spirit is constantly pointing to Jesus*: what he said, and what he continues to say. When Christians speak the word of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is busy at work. We never do this speaking alone.

Another way that Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit was as a *witness*: "when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me" (15:26). Just as the Holy Spirit is

present when the words of Jesus are spoken, so also is the Holy Spirit present when witnessing about Jesus happens. Christians don't do this alone, either; it's right at the heart of what the Spirit does.

This doesn't mean, of course, that having the Holy Spirit's presence in these ways will make our lives full of daisies and kittens. No, Jesus also spoke of how the Holy Spirit would be involved in convicting people of sin. "But if I go, I will send him [the Holy Spirit] to you. And when he comes, *he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment*: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged" (16:7-11).

Even in the uncomfortable conversations where sin needs to be called a sin, the Holy Spirit is present and is ultimately the one doing the convicting. He does this in order to bring about repentance and create faith, work that is totally in his hands. "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (3:8).

Whether we are speaking the words of Jesus, bearing witness to others about Jesus, or navigating some tough conversations about sin and the need for Jesus, the Holy Spirit is present with us to strengthen us and guide us and comfort us. As Jesus promises: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to *be with you forever*, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for *he dwells with you and will be in you*" (14:16-17).

Thanks be to God for his gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

Dr. Brian German
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

*For more from Dr. German on the gospel of John, be sure to check out CBI's latest partnership course with Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled "The Sent Life" at www.lhm.org/learn.

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