

Holy Spirit - Heavenly Tutor (Eph 4)

by Phil Beach Jr.

The Holy Spirit is the heavenly pedagogue appointed by the Father to prepare believers for sonship, and the chief ministry of the Holy Spirit is to prepare us for the Father, not just to give to us as it relates to us.

Duration: 38:38

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11

Topics: "Holy Spirit", "Spiritual Maturity"

Description

Phil Beach Jr. emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit as our heavenly tutor, or pedagogue, who prepares us for our full adoption as sons of God. He explains that unlike the Western concept of adoption, which involves bringing a child into a family, the Eastern understanding refers to a process of maturation and preparation for inheriting the father's estate. The Holy Spirit's chief ministry is not merely to bless us but to teach, correct, and guide us towards spiritual maturity, enabling us to reflect Christ's fullness. Beach encourages believers to embrace the Holy Spirit's work in their lives, which may involve discipline and correction, as essential for entering into the joy of sonship and reigning with Christ. Ultimately, he calls for a deeper understanding of our identity in Christ and the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Transcript

Now listen closely, just for a few minutes. I'm trusting these seeds can be planted in your heart and then the Lord will take these seeds and bring them to fruition. A pedagogue was a teacher.

Now the word pedagogue was very significant to the Hebrew household, and here's why. When a father had a son, he would appoint a pedagogue who normally was a slave that had gotten so close to the father, he was almost regarded as his son, but he wasn't his heir. He was a slave that had become part of the family.

Responsible and mature, proven to be faithful and dedicated to his master's wishes. So what the father would do, listen closely now, just for a few minutes here, listen closely. The father would appoint a pedagogue to his child.

And the purpose of this pedagogue was to teach the child, correct the child, and give knowledge to the child. Now listen, the ultimate purpose in producing teaching and correction and knowledge into the heart of this child was all to be realized at a certain day. This day was called the day of adoption into sonship.

Now listen closely. Adoption as sons. Now when we as Westerners think of the word adoption, this is what we think of.

We find a child who is outside of our family, and we fall in love with him or her, and we adopt him into our family. And then we call that son or that daughter, that is my adopted son or my adopted daughter. That's the Western idea, but that is not the idea that the Easterner had when they mentioned adoption as sons.

Now you'll find this term adoption as sons in the New Testament quite frequently in Paul's teaching. But here is what he meant. He was not referring to taking a child out of one family and bringing it into another family.

But the adoption as a son occurred at age 30. After the father had appointed the pedagogue to his child, and that pedagogue faithfully taught, corrected, and gave knowledge to that child, a day came when that father took that child and placed him, special ceremony, special time of rejoicing, he placed that child into what was called the adoption as a son, which was bringing that child into the full rights of being a son of his family. The full rights of being a son in his family.

So the word adoption, when used in the New Testament, does not refer to our salvation, which many people think it does. Where God took us out of the kingdom of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of light. Now it is true that we were translated out of the kingdom, but we weren't adopted, we were born.

You see, we weren't adopted, we were birthed by the Holy Ghost. You have been born again. See, so we weren't adopted.

So the western idea of adoption does not refer to our salvation experience. We are children born of God, hallelujah. I wasn't adopted.

I was born of God. Now as a child of God, God appointed to me a pedagogue. That's the blessed Holy Spirit.

John chapter 13, 14, 15, and 16. You can read about the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The general, many times, people understand the ministry of the Holy Spirit in a very subjective, selfish way.

Oh, the Holy Spirit blesses me, the Holy Spirit anoints me, the Holy Spirit gives me great gifts. All of these things are true. Holy Spirit makes me feel good.

Holy Spirit gives me utterance so I can talk about the word of God with boldness. All of this is true, and praise God. But oh beloved, how far we fall short.

When we limit the ministry of the Holy Spirit exclusively to how it relates to us. May I suggest tonight that there is a ministry, or rather I ought to word it, that the chief ministry of the Holy Spirit is not to give to us as it relates to us, but rather to prepare us for that which relates to the Father. Now let me explain.

In Ephesians chapter 4. Now remember, the adoption as sons does not occur when we are born again. We become children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. And though we are potentially sons, we do not come into recognition as sons until the day of adoption.

That was the groaning within Paul's heart. The groaning in Paul's heart, not only is it the groaning in Paul's heart, but the Bible says in Romans chapter 8, all of creation is groaning for what? For the manifestation of the sons of God. Now in Ephesians chapter 4, verse 11, and he gave some apostles and some prophets

and some evangelists and some pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all... Now there, Paul has a burden for the entire body of Christ.

It's not this certain one here and that certain one there, and this one over here and that one over there, or maybe this fellowship here and that. No, brethren, the body of Christ is not broken up into many fellowships. There is one body.

There is one Lord. There is one faith. There is one baptism.

There is one hope of your calling. There is one, the singleness of what God has done through Jesus Christ. And now that God has birthed a people who he calls his own, for you have been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible seed by the word of God, being born again.

Now that God has birthed a people and have given them a new birth, being partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lusts, now God is eagerly awaiting the day of adoption for his children, when, as in the natural, the pedagogue had finished his job and had taught and corrected and had given the proper knowledge to that child, so that child came to a maturity where the father could bestow upon that child the privilege and right of being called a son, a co-heir with him in the management of his estate. May I suggest that the chief concern of Christ in this hour, as it was in every age as long as his church walked on the earth, was to find a people and get their attention through the working of the heavenly pedagogue, the Holy Spirit, and begin to correct them and begin to teach them and to begin to give them knowledge of the Father, not just so it could be a self-serving, blessing thing, look what God's doing for me, but rather, look what God is making me! Look at the pleasure that I am bringing through Christ to God. Verse 13, Until we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, that we henceforth be no more what? Children.

The chief ministry of the Holy Spirit, though he blesses us and makes us feel good, the chief ministry of the Holy Spirit is to search out the hearts of all of God's people and find those willing to allow him to bring into their life a measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, to produce that divine maturity that God so longs in his people. This is what he's seeking to accomplish in your life and in my life. But listen, not all Christians say yes.

Not all Christians want to come under the pedagogue. You know why? Because the pedagogue makes a son out of you. See, he makes a son out of you.

He grows you up. He says, put away your childish ways. He says, I said to do this, now you do it.

He says, you've been running your own way long enough, now you're going to go my way. He deals with that pride. He deals with that independent, self-righteous attitude.

You'll watch others and say, how come they can do that and I can't? The hardness of the Lord. A lot of people don't want it. I believe that that great day, because the entering into full sonship will not occur until Jesus Christ comes back.

Some people have believed that they're going to enter in now. Forget it, beloved. That's why Jesus is coming back.

That's why we're going to the bean seed of Christ. And I believe that the Holy Spirit is going to search out every believer that ever stands before the bean seed of Christ and says, you were willing, or you weren't willing. And here's what he's going to do.

He's going to cause a people to enter in to the full privilege at that day of willing and reigning with him. Who now? Who? Those who through patience and endurance allowed the heavenly pedagogue to produce in them a fullness of the stature of Christ. Entering in to the fellowship with Christ.

Sharing in his sufferings. Being made conformable unto his death and thereby knowing his resurrection life now. And the glory of being with him and reigning with him in the age to come.

Beloved, if we could get a vision and a revelation of this high calling. What do you think Paul was looking for when he said, I'm pressing toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus? Adoption. Adoption.

He wanted to be one of those that the father says, come on son, I want to place you with Christ in the age to come. But Lord, the heavenly pedagogue had his way. He prepared you.

He tutored you. He taught you. He broke you.

He took that stubbornness out of you. He took that self will out of you. He took that lust to sin more and more out of you.

Yes, it was hard. I saw those tears that you shed. I saw those hours of anguish when you were being restrained by God and you couldn't do what you wanted and you saw others doing it, but you said, Father, nevertheless, not my will but thy will be done.

I saw those tears. I have them bottled. Here's the reward.

I saw those hours of darkness and confusion when you were misunderstood because you refused to do what others seemingly were permitted to do. I saw those days and those weeks and those months and those years of struggle and I bottled all your tears. Here's the reward.

Oh God, search our hearts. Help us. Help us to be willing.

Help us to long to come under the discipline of our God through the heavenly pedagogue. Remember, the father appointed the pedagogue because before the adoption as a son occurred, the pedagogue must work on that child because the Bible says in Galatians chapter 4, Galatians chapter 4, Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be Lord of all. He be Lord of all because he is indeed an heir and being an heir, he has the rights, but the rights do him no good unless for thirty years he submits to the father-appointed pedagogue and learns his lessons well.

Aren't you glad for the comforter? Can't you see a greater purpose now than what we've camped on? Oh, we've been so glad because the Holy Ghost blesses us and we've camped right there. Brethren, may I say by the grace of God, go on with God tonight. Don't camp on what God does for you, but press on toward the mark of the high calling.

Long to be found in Him, prepared by Him, ready to enter into the fullness of joy when He comes back, to be placed among those who, through the power of the Holy Ghost, have been sanctified and set aside, to be those that are with Him during that blessed time when He rules and reigns. Let me tell you one thing.

To rule and reign with Christ in the world to come will never happen until He rules and reigns in your world right now.

See, Jesus said, listen, the kingdom of God doesn't come with observation. God's not setting His kingdom up in Washington, D.C., let me tell you. He's not setting it up in Zion City, Illinois, as one dear preacher thought.

God tore it to pieces and it's dead. And every preacher that tries to set up the kingdom of God on earth in natural buildings, it dies. Because God isn't in the business of establishing a kingdom that's visible by the eye.

Jesus said, my kingdom doesn't come with observation. It's within the heart of the church. And Christ now is setting up His kingdom in the hearts of hungry saints.

And it's the reign of Christ and the believer. The kingdom where Christ sits as Lord and King, crowned. The kingdom where His will is done.

The early Pentecostal blessing in the 1900s. It was not marked, though it occurred, but it was not marked by Pentecostal gifts. Neither was it marked by the manifestation of outward things, such as dancing or singing in praise, though those things were present.

Thank God for them. But according to 12 eyewitnesses who were there and saw it with their eyes, the initial outpouring of the Holy Ghost was marked by an incredible, intense realization that God wants to set His kingdom up in the believer's heart. Which meant the believer had to come to a crisis where it was God reigning in their life, and they had to slip off the throne and let Jesus sit on it.

And the Pentecostal movement began to air when the emphasis of Christ reigning in the believer was substituted for the believer doing something for Christ. It's commendable to want to do something for God, but beloved, when Christ has not established His reign in your life and you have an itch to do something for God, it turns into flesh and mixture and God's ultimate purposes are never fulfilled. First of all, you can't do anything for God.

Jesus did it all. And the only good that you can do for God is if it's God in you moving you to do it. And the only way God can be in you moving you to do anything is if you submit to the pedagogue and let Him work in you a death to self and a resurrection in Him.

And sometimes that gets hot. Sometimes that gets sticky. I don't like the way I feel, Lord.

Do you want to be a son? Then let me give you some advice. Get way down low in God's presence because He's a big God. He doesn't need any loud footsteps in His kingdom.

You walk softly. Get low. Get down.

Find a shadow somewhere and walk in it. But He don't want you to be seen. He wants Jesus to be seen.

Do you want to be a son? Get in Jesus. You know, after one of the greatest miracles that Elijah ever performed, the word of the Lord came to him and God said, Go hide thyself. Do you see it? Do you see it? When God moves, He wants you to hide yourself.

He doesn't want you to be seen. The greatest miracle Elijah ever did. Bring fire down from heaven.

And then the word of the Lord comes to him. Go hide yourself. You don't need all this public attention.

The word's spreading that I've just moved. You better hide yourself. Because I won't share my glory even with you, Elijah.

And you're a pretty special character. But no dice. I am God.

And I'll share my glory with no man. That includes you, Elijah. And you too, Bruce.

And Phil. And Tom. See? Sons.

Hid. In God. Through Christ.

Corrected. Trained. Tutored.

By Him. Bringing forth His food. Doing things His way.

Drinking from Him. Loving the brethren. Serving the brethren.

Longing. Longing. With incredible intensity that heaven ignited and earth can't put out.

Longing. To see Him. Oh, just to see Him.

Jesus. Jesus. Just to see You.

At sonship. Beloved. Not some elite group over here in Arizona.

Rising up. And making themselves to be great ones. No.

That's not sonship. That's deception. God has a family.

God has a people from the beginning. He knows them by name. They've gone the way of God.

And their reward is Christ Himself. At that day. In this generation that we live.

There's many who profess His name. And I'm not one to judge whether they really know Him or not. Because God alone is the judge.

But among those who profess. There's a people. Whose ears are being anointed with oil.

And their feet are being anointed with oil. And their chest is being anointed with oil. Number 16.

The sons of Aaron. Were to have their ear anointed with oil. The opening up of the ear.

To the pedagogue. My God. I must do as He tells me.

He has been appointed by the Father. To prepare me for the placing of sonship. When I can enter into the fullness of joy.

There with Christ. Beholding Him. And sharing with Him.

What He has prepared. For those who love Him. The ear must be anointed.

Father. I must do Your will. Coming under the divine correction.

Of the Holy Spirit. Ouch. My son.

Despise not thou the chastening of the Lord. Neither be weary when thou art corrected. For in whom the Lord loveth.

He correcteth. And He chasteneth every son. Whom He what? Receiveth.

Correction. You stop that sin. You go apologize for saying that terrible thing.

You go humble yourself. You want to be a son? Now that's not right. Coming into more and more of the knowledge of God.

The threefold characteristics that occur when your heart is gripped. To be approved by God one day. To be called.

One of His sons. Is number one. You come under the incredible, divine, heavenly, and marvelous teaching of the Holy Spirit.

You learn submission. You become a servant. You don't get the know-it-all attitude.

When you're God's gift to the world. You're taught by God. And you're humble and you're teachable.

Number two. You experience the divine, marvelous, and often times teary correction of God. God will correct you.

He'll spank you. He'll bring you behind His divine shed. And whoop ya.

Like they say down south. You'll get a whoopin'. Sometimes He'll shame you.

Alone. In your prayer closet. And other times.

He'll let others see your sin. So you can be shamed before other people. It's good for your pride.

It's good that people know that your feet smell. Did you know that? Sometimes us Christians want to walk around and make everyone believe we're so spiritual. And you know what the Lord says in Ezekiel? He'll lift up our skirt.

Which means He'll show people our inner parts. Just so we know. That others know.

That God knows that we're not as spiritual as we want others to think we are. Oh, that's good. That's good for us.

It hurts, but oh, it feels good. Amen? It feels good. Oh Lord, I feel so humiliated.

God says, good. I still love you. But I don't like that haughtiness, God says.

I don't like that spirit. Oh, but Lord. They're going to really think I'm a jerk.

Good. It's good for you. What do you think, Joe? Huh? Number three.

The knowledge of God. I'm not talking about intellectual knowledge and theology. Although there's a place for it.

Don't misunderstand me and suggest that I'm throwing out theology. No, there's a place for it. There's a place for sound doctrine.

But beloved, the knowledge the Holy Ghost gives you goes far beyond theology. Where you can talk about the nature of God and the fact that He's omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient all at the same time. There is a knowledge that comes to the believer who becomes under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

That does not come from human origin. But it comes from revelation by the Holy Spirit. It is a knowledge of acquainting us with the true person of God and who He is.

And His love and His heart. And we become intimately aware of how He loves us and how He loves others. And how we are nothing without Him in our whole life from the beginning to end.

If there's anything good in it, it's because of His grace and grace alone. The knowledge of God. The knowledge of God that captivates the soul, beloved.

And causes you to fall down and worship Him and say, Holy, holy, holy, worthy is the Lamb for He alone. The knowledge of God that makes you take the crown off your head and throw it at His feet. And say, You alone are worthy, Lord.

The knowledge of God that gives you a soft spirit. And a sweet spirit. And a kind spirit.

And a gentle spirit. And a repentant spirit. That's the knowledge of God that comes when you get under the influence of the heavenly pedagogue.

And when these three things are working in your life, in an ever-increasing basis, your heart can begin to rejoice. You're being prepared for sonship. You're being prepared for that day when Jesus comes back and says, Well done.

Enter in. I want to know Him. At any cost.

I want to love Him. At any cost. I wholly trust in His grace alone.

And Lord God, please, come to me, Lord. And make me after Thine own image. Whatever you have to do, Lord.

If I have to wear a harness, put a harness on me. If I can't do what others can do, and I look in amazement and say, Lord, how come it doesn't bother them? How come they seem to be able to have all this fun? Lord, so be it. If this is the path I must go in order to come to realize the maturity that you want to bring in my life, so be it, Lord.

I'll look to you for my joy. Such a place, beloved. There's no greater joy.

There's no greater peace. There's no greater satisfaction. And the reward is simply out of this world.

Well, we could go on. That's an introduction. But we won't.

Heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we suffer with Him. Is that what it says? Romans chapter 8. What is the suffering with Christ? The teaching. Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.

The teaching, the correction, and the knowledge given by the Holy Spirit hurls us into the sufferings of Christ with a joy that is set before us. The joy of being with Him. Well, beloved, this is all upon my heart tonight from the Lord.

And I trust that God will stir your heart and call you. You may be a child of God tonight. You may have experienced the joy of your salvation and the wonders of God's provision in your life.

But maybe God is speaking to you now and saying, Would you like to see a greater purpose now in my causing you to be born again? Come to the Lord. Ask Him to show you this. It'll change your life.

It'll revolutionize you. Amen? Father, we thank You for the love that You have bestowed upon us. We thank You, Lord, that we've been born again, born into the kingdom of God.

We thank You for the blood that has cleansed us from all of our sins. We thank You, Lord, that we stand by faith in Your grace, and there we have joy. We thank You, Lord, for the many great things You've done for us and how they relate to us, Lord, and how You have blessed us and provided for us and anointed us and healed us, and You continue to do all of these things.

But, Lord, tonight we sense a strange calling, but we know it's from You. An enlargement. Lord, we see tonight that You have a greater purpose even in all of these things, and that is to appoint that pedagogue over our lives that we may, O God, learn of You and be prepared for that day when You come back.

Lord, by Thy Word and by the power of the Holy Ghost, stir us, Lord, and bring us into a greater understanding of Your purpose in saving us, keeping our eyes on that day of adoption that we may be counted worthy, as Paul said, to share in that heavenly kingdom. Lord, we know that the work can only be done by the Holy Ghost, and we ask that He come to us, Lord, in a special way and train us up, Lord, for Your honor and Your glory, we pray. For Jesus' sake, Amen and Amen.

Praise the Lord.

Audio: <https://sermonindex1.b-cdn.net/30/SID30289.mp3>

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/phil-beach-jr/holy-spirit-heavenly-tutor-eph-4/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net