

Holy Spirit (Pedagog)

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Phil Beach Jr. emphasizes the transformative role of the Holy Spirit in unveiling Christ and nurturing believers towards spiritual maturity and unity in the church.

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Description

Phil Beach Jr. passionately conveys God's heart for His church, emphasizing the importance of a personal revelation of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. He stresses that the Holy Spirit acts as a pedagogue, nurturing believers to grow in spiritual maturity and to reflect the image of Christ. The transformation of believers is not about gaining knowledge but about experiencing the life of Christ flowing through them, leading to genuine love and unity within the body of Christ. Beach Jr. calls for a return to prioritizing Jesus in our lives, urging believers to draw from Him rather than seeking worldly teachings. Ultimately, he highlights that true maturity in faith comes from recognizing and allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us.

Transcript

Beloved, my soul is filled tonight, filled with a desire to communicate God's heart, God's heart for you and I. Not only for you and I, but for the entire body of Christ. God's heart. There is nothing, I repeat, there is nothing greater in the heart of God tonight than for His beloved, His blood-washed, redeemed church to receive a revelation and a vision and an ongoing unveiling of the beauty and splendor and majesty of Jesus Christ, the King of Heaven.

I repeat, there is nothing more important, more precious, more pertinent, more relative to the heart of God, for the Bride of Christ, right now in this day, than for the Bride to receive a continued unveiling of the beauty and splendor and person of Jesus Christ, the blessed forever Son of God. Beloved, you must ask God to personalize what He has done for you in so much that you can begin to sense within the depths of your own spirit, within the depths of your own soul, you can personally begin to sense the actual desire of God, eternal God, for you to know Jesus Christ. Listen, something happens when suddenly what God has done is no longer a general thought in your mind, but it becomes an individual realization.

Norman, eternal God wants to come to you, you, you. He wants to come to you through the Holy Spirit and unveil the matchless eternal Son of God. He doesn't want to give you a new revelation.

He doesn't want you to just live on the bless club. He wants you to see the King of Heaven. He wants you to see the One who all the angels are right now crying, Holy, Holy, Holy.

He wants you to see the Son of God. And the purpose of seeing the Son of God is so that you and I can be transformed and transfigured because the word transformed in the New Testament comes from the Greek word metamorpho, which actually means transfiguration. God wants you to be transfigured from earthly carnal to spiritual and heavenly.

Wow. He wants you to be transfigured into what? Into some individual island or into some super personality where all men look at you? Wow, no. He wants you to be transformed, transfigured into the image of His dear Son so that His Son can be glorified in you and through you.

Remember, God's eternal plan was to receive glory through His Son being expressed in the church. God never intended to glorify the church in this age. God intended to glorify the Christ in the church.

The Bible says God will share His glory with none other. And there's only one worthy of glory, and that's the matchless Son of God. And the only way God can get glory in your life and in my life is when our soul catches a vision of the Son of God.

And as a result, we are transfigured and transformed on a daily basis, resulting in the literal... Mason, it is the transformation of the mind that occurs. Your mind is literally transformed. You actually begin to appropriate into your very nature the very fruit of God Himself.

The very divine attribute of agape love begins to flow through your very personality and your very person. There's transfiguration. There's when God begins to be glorified in His people.

When the very Christ Himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, begins to impart in a supernatural way the very image and likeness of Christ. He stamps His nature and His character upon your very being. Wow! Beloved, that's fruit.

That'll tear up the kingdom of darkness. You talk in tongues all you want. You can shout and teach and have all your Bible studies.

But beloved, until the person of Christ, through the eternal Spirit of God, begins to make an inroad in your life through transforming you and changing you by an ever-increasing vision of God Himself, we do very little good for the kingdom of God. We build our own kingdoms. We get our own little followings.

I follow Phil. Well, I follow Tom. Oh, well, Brother George, he's the one that's got the good teaching.

I follow Brother George. Well, I follow this denomination. We're like the little Corinthians.

Beloved, it's not who you follow that matters. It's whether or not you're in tune with the head and whether the life of the head is flowing through you or not. That's what matters, beloved.

The devil's having a heyday today. Everybody's following everyone else, and very few are drawing from the very life of the Son Himself. May I suggest tonight that the divine challenge of God to us little children is to come back to Jesus.

Make Him a priority in your life. Beloved, you don't need anything but Him and this right here. And when you find Him, He opens the book up to you.

And it's no longer a book where you find teachings about various things, but it becomes a book where you find a continuous unveiling of the beauty and splendor of the person of Jesus Christ and His character and His ways. But not only does it fill your head with knowledge, it fills your spirit with life. There's the difference.

God never intended the Bible, the New Testament, to be a law of codes where we learn teachings. He designed it to be that which through the power of the Holy Ghost would impart to us the very life of Christ Himself. The very virtue, the very power of Christ Himself.

Now in Ephesians chapter 4, let's not forget this. We're going to get back to this shortly. Oh, what time is it, Norm? Five after eight.

Okay, we have some time. We're going to get back to a pedagogue. It is my desire tonight, and I believe it's the will of God, for you to leave tonight with a new understanding.

Thank you, Norman. With a new understanding on the ministry of the Holy Spirit. I am fully persuaded more now than I ever have in all my Christian life that the chief purpose of the Holy Spirit is to come to the believer and act as a pedagogue in order to nurture us and grow us up so that what He is can be manifested in our mortal bodies.

So that the world can see Christ. And as you go through the New Testament on your knees, you'll find this is the heart cry of every apostle, particularly Paul. Ephesians chapter 4, I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you.

Now when Paul refers to the therefore, he's referring to what he just wrote. And what he just wrote was he explained that God commissioned him. To preach that through Jesus Christ the Jew and the Gentile can be united in one body.

And drink from one fountain, that's the fountain of God. And that everything that divides can be torn down. And that we can come together under one head, no other mediator.

You don't need a mediator, beloved. You don't need another mediator. You don't need a go-between.

You don't need somebody to stand in your stead to hear God for you. Beloved, the Holy Ghost is calling you to sweet fellowship with the Father through the Son. Nobody's up here and nobody's down here.

We're all brothers and sisters in Christ and we have one Master who is Christ. We need the Holy Ghost to shake us and to awake us to the glorious truth. That we are individually called to know and commune with eternal God.

This is the only way to spiritual maturity. You can read 20 books a week, you'll never grow in Jesus. Until you get in tune with the head and start drawing from Him.

Listen, beloved. Many of you, including myself, we've seen rotten fruit in our life, haven't we? And it's displeased us. Listen to this.

I just read this recently and it blessed my heart. There was a man who saw rotten fruit on a big tree one day. And dead leaves.

He was grieved. And he said, by golly, I'm going to knock that fruit off. So he got him the biggest stick he could find, Norman.

And he started going like this, jumping up. He couldn't reach it. Once he hit the fruit, the fruit shook but it didn't fall off.

And he got so perplexed, Pat, so distressed. Because he couldn't figure out a way to get all that dead fruit and all those rotten leaves off the tree. And after jumping and screaming and shaking, he threw the stick down.

He said, ah, it's useless. And then something happened, beloved. Spring came.

And the life in the roots of the tree started flowing. And it started going up the trunk. And as the life of the tree started going into the branches, lo and behold, the very life began to loose the rotten fruit and the dead leaves.

And what the man tried to do, the life of the tree did. And the dead fruit fell off. And the dead leaves fell off, Mason.

And in their place, beautiful, fresh, life-filled fruit started growing. Did you get the message? We have tried so hard to shake off of us those things that we know the Lord doesn't like. All that dead fruit, all that old life.

And all those terrible-looking, dead, crispy leaves. Little worms on them. We've done everything.

We've read 101 books. We've traveled from the West Coast to the East Coast. And by satellite, we've watched the preacher in China.

Yankee Cho. China. Korea.

We've watched them all. Lo and behold, we've thrown our stick down and said, It just won't work. This dead fruit won't get off me.

You got some dead fruit that you're struggling with, beloved? Let me tell you something. Let me give you the Word of the Lord. The Word of the Lord.

Here's the Word of the Lord to all of us who struggle with dead fruit. Who have taken our man-made poles. And have tried to cleanse ourselves.

Thank you, Helen. And have tried to make ourselves what we want. Here's the Word of the Lord.

Drop the pole. Put it down. Let go of it.

Get on your knees. And tap in. To the head.

The life giver. And let his life start flowing through you. And I promise you.

I promise you, yet not I, but Christ's Word. That you will change. Your dead, ugly, unpleasant fruit will begin to fall.

And new, divine, beautiful smelling, fragrant fruit will begin to grow. You know why you're dry and barren and restless? Why am I dry and barren and restless? Because I've gone everywhere but to Him. I've drunken from every cistern.

But they're all broken, the prophet says. Why do you drink from broken cisterns? When He said, I am the water of life. It's better than seltzer water, Joe.

And you know seltzer water is pretty good with a squirt of lemon, right George? A squirt of lemon in that seltzer water is pretty good, isn't it? Well, Jesus is better than seltzer water. He's the head. Oh, I want life in Christ.

I want life in Christ. Marcel, this is it. Life in Jesus.

Therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. Now the vocation here that Paul's talking about is not a secular vocation. Although you ought to be faithful in your secular vocation.

You might be called to be a plumber, an engineer, a factory man, paralegal, housewife. You need to be faithful. But beloved, this is not referring to the secular call.

This is referring to that vocation of being called children of God. Members of the body of Christ. Partakers of the divine nature.

Now there is a holy and high calling, wouldn't you say? With all long lowliness. Now beloved, verse number two tells us what we need to have in our life. But let me tell you something.

You're not going to find lowliness in your flesh. Remember the source of these things is found in the person of Jesus Christ. Remember what Jesus said in John chapter 15? I am the vine, ye are the branches.

Except ye abide in me, ye can do nothing. See, the vine has the sap, the life. The branches don't.

You break a branch off and put it on the side, and is that branch going to continue to grow? No. Why? Why? Very simple. It's not on the vine.

See, the vine is the source of life. Beloved, Jesus is the head. We are the saints, and this is the Holy Ghost.

The only way that we can draw the life that comes from the head, the only way we can draw it and allow it to change us, is if we are in tune with the Holy Ghost. Because the Holy Ghost imparts to us what the head is. What happens when we start drinking from Him? With all loneliness begins to come.

Why is there so little lowliness? Because there is such little relationship with God. You don't meet lowly saints very often. You meet high-minded and heady saints.

Right? They think they know it all. They look for opportunities to chew you out and tell you off. That's not a Christian attitude.

They look for opportunities to get mad at you. That's not the fruit from the head. That's the flesh.

So what do we do? We read another book. We listen to another tape. We fill our head with another doctrine, and then what do we do? We do the same thing again.

And we get farther from the head and more filled with knowledge. And then we get proud. And we're setting ourselves up for a fall.

With all lowliness and meekness, oh my, there's another one, meekness. Where are you going to get meekness? You're not going to find it in your own heart, beloved. Only Jesus, He's the meek one.

With long suffering. I'll never forget what Brother Brian said to me. Probably not all of you know about Brother Brian's past.

But he was a Baptist preacher for five, six years. He was a Baptist preacher. But he didn't have the baptism in the Holy Ghost.

He didn't have a relationship with the head. But just about a year and a half or two years ago, he was filled with the Spirit. And just about eight months ago or so, he came to me.

And he said, Phil, I was reading in Ephesians 4, verse 2. And he said, I was reading that Paul said the saints should be filled with long suffering and meekness. They should be forbearing one another in love. And he said, I realized for the first time, that is impossible.

Without being filled with the Holy Ghost. Because that can only be done through the fruits of the Holy Ghost. We can't make this happen.

It's a by-product of God's Spirit flowing through the body. I cried it was so precious. He saw for the first time that what God expects of us cannot be wrought by us.

It can only be wrought through the indwelling Christ bringing forth His power in us. Isn't that good? Long suffering. That means you should suffer long with somebody.

Don't be quick. Don't be quick-tempered. Bearing one another.

That means put up. You know, not everyone is the same. We're like the body.

Listen. Not everyone's the eye, right? Some are the feet. And you know feet stink.

Listen. Put up with things in your brother or sister that maybe aren't like you. Do you judge people based on what you're like? Is your subjective lifestyle the rule that you judge others by? If it is, buddy, your judgment's not of God.

You learn to forbear and put up with people. Not everyone's like you. And God will put you with someone that's just the opposite of you.

And then He'll say, now you love that person. And don't try and change him. That's the hard thing.

We're all different. But what unites us is what? The head and the life. If you got the Holy Ghost in you and I got the Holy Ghost in me, it don't matter if you're black or white, red or yellow.

It doesn't matter if you're educated or uneducated. It doesn't matter if you smell or you don't smell. The fact is we're one body.

And I gotta learn to love you through Christ. And you gotta learn to love me. I gotcha.

Forbearing one another in love. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body.

Beloved, the singleness. There's one body. God doesn't look down and see men.

He sees one redeemed church. One redeemed church. There's one Spirit.

There's one Holy Ghost. And He dwells in all who believe. But it's God's will that not only would the Spirit dwell in us, but He would be released in us.

And flow, like Jesus said, If any man thirsts, let him come unto me. And I'll give him a drink of water and he'll never thirst again. That's number one.

We got a lot of believers that don't thirst anymore. But you don't stop there. Because another scripture Jesus said, For within you shall flow rivers of living water.

So not only do you have the divine privilege of not thirsting, but you get the other divine privilege, which is being filled with rivers of life. Hallelujah. That washes out the flesh life.

And brings in Christ. There's one body, one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. And unto everyone is given grace, according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. The purpose of a pastor, the purpose of an evangelist, I say this, is not to get a personal following.

It is not to build a kingdom for himself, and anoint himself as king, and then ask for servants to come and serve his cause and his vision. That is not the purpose of why God has called the five-fold ministry here. It is not to be self-serving.

The purpose of the five-fold ministry is to pour out themselves into the body, so that the body will what? Well, let's see. Let's see what Paul says. He gave apostles, and prophets, and evangelists, and pastors, and teachers for the perfecting of the saints.

So it is the job of leadership to perfect the saints. Now let me explain. What is it to be perfected saints? The saint under the headship of Christ, drinking from him, and the saint growing in the knowledge and stature of Christ himself.

That is what it means to be perfected. It is the job of leadership not to mesmerize the church with their gift, or their teaching, but it is the job of leadership, not just leadership, it's all of our jobs. It's the job to lead each other to Christ, so that we can drink from him and grow in him.

Oh, we got it all backwards, don't we? Listen to this, beloved. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God. Now the word knowledge there can be rendered recognition.

So what's the intent? Oh, beloved, God open our eyes. What's the intent of God for the body of Christ? To come into recognition. Now listen, this word does not suggest a one-time recognition.

It suggests a continual recognition. So here's the job, here's the purpose. Why do we come together? Why has God put the church in the world and called people to preach and teach in order to get the whole church's eyes off of everything but the Son of God so that we can enter into a continual recognition of him in everything we do.

And of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man. Unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. The fullness of Christ is very simple, beloved.

The fullness of Christ is each individual believer walking under the authority and headship of Jesus Christ, drinking from him. That's the road. Now listen, remember what we said? The pedagogue.

The Holy Spirit is the pedagogue. The trainer. What's his purpose? To bring about Ephesians chapter 4 verse number 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

God wants you to come to full stature. Full stature is to grow up. To grow up is simply to become in tune with the head and start drinking from him.

What a high calling. What a, I tell you, what a joy. Let's keep reading.

Verse 14. That we henceforth be no more children. Beloved, there you go.

What is the cause for immaturity? What is the cause of being spiritual children in the world today in the body of Christ? The lack of understanding the ministry of the Holy Spirit. To be a pedagogue in order to bring us in tune with the head so that we can grow up and Christ can begin to manifest his character and his nature in our lives. We're too busy chasing everything but him.

That's why we're children. Now here's what the problem is. Verse 14.

When we're children, we're tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine. See? Everyone's chasing a doctrine. There is an epidemic sickness in the body of Christ today.

And it is the lust and longing for a new teaching, a new revelation, a new book. There's a market right now. God's going to judge many preachers and many writers who are taking advantage of the market today.

And every two months they come out with a new book. Because they know that that's what the church is longing for. And every time a new book comes up and if it's got the word Satan on it or New Age, everyone buys it.

Satan or New Age. Every teaching. And God looks down and he cries tears of sorrow.

And he says, if they only would come to me. It's okay. No, don't worry about it.

It's human to yawn. Tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men and the cunning craftiness whereby they lay in wait to deceive. But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all

things, which is the head, even Christ.

What will result? Verse 16. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth according to the effectual working in the measure of every part maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Verse 16 simply says this.

The body of Christ should be like a jigsaw puzzle. Now listen. Every part supplies to the other part to fit right in.

See? We should be fitting together, supplying to each other, giving of Christ to each other. And as we do that in the Holy Ghost, we come together as one body and we build ourself up and edify ourself up in love. And love, love, listen, love, divine love cannot be conquered, Tom.

Glory, that's it. Divine love cannot be conquered. Love covers all of our faults.

Love covers all of our sins. Love unites us together and heals us and brings us all under the headship of Christ from which we are all drawing our life and our strength. The pedagogue to produce the stature of Christ in the believer, to cause the believer to recognize the Son of God every day, every moment, to drink at his feet.

Good night. John, I'll see you at quarter to eleven. Yep.

Quarter to eleven, okay? The ministry of the... Good night, John. God bless, bro. The ministry of the Holy Spirit to make us sons.

Listen. Children are born. Sons are made.

Galatians chapter four. Chapter four, verse one. Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all, but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

This describes what Eastern adoption is all about. Now, listen. When we speak of the word adoption, we understand it as this.

I'm taking a child that's not part of my family, and I'm making him my child. That is not, I repeat, that is not what adoption meant in the Eastern mind, the Hebrew and the Roman mind. The Roman mind and the Hebrew mind understood adoption as this.

I have a child born into my family, and then that child is placed under tutors and under teachers until the time when that child is mature enough and has grown enough so that that child can receive the adoption of sonship. So the placing of a child as a son is not taking him out of one family and putting him into another, no. But it's recognizing him as one who has grown and matured so that he can be recognized as a son.

This is what we're longing for. This is what will occur when Jesus comes back, the adoption as sons. But, beloved, now is the time when we're being trained.

Now is the time when the stature of Christ should be developing in us so at that day God can look at his children and say, I'm going to make him a son. Because he, listen, he or she submitted to the pedagogue, the Holy Ghost. He submitted to the tutor, to the governor, to the teacher.

What did Jesus say the Holy Ghost would do? Come and what? Teach us. Lead us into all truth. You remember a couple weeks ago I preached on what all truth was.

All truth is not teachings. All truth is a recognition of Jesus for he is the truth. Can you see it? The Holy Ghost wants to reveal the Son of God in his fullness to us and calls us to grow in the stature of Christ so that Christ himself can live and move and be made known to a lost and dying world.

This is what God's will is for your life tonight, beloved. That's all. I can go on, but I sense that that's a good foundation.

Please listen. Ask God in closing. Ask God to show you his interest in you as an individual.

God's chief concern for your life if you're a believer is that you would recognize the Holy Spirit as the one sent from God to bring you to maturity. Maturity is not knowing a lot. Maturity is knowing him and letting him flow through you.

Let's pray. Father, we thank you tonight. We offer up thanksgiving to you.

Lord, I thank you for the dear saints that are here tonight. Lord, their love for you, their hunger for you. Lord, I pray that you would stir the Holy Spirit within them that they may understand and see the major purpose of the Holy Spirit in their life is to be a pedagogue, leading them, tutoring them, teaching them that they may fully participate in the death of Christ experientially, that in return they may indeed experience and participate in the very newness of life, the very newness of Christ's life.

Lord, do this work in our midst. We long to be conformed into the image of thy dear Son. Now stir the heart tonight, Lord, that realizes and recognizes their journey is over, that they no longer have to seek to and fro, but in Jesus Christ they have found rest for their weary souls.

Lord, be our shepherd, we pray. Fill our hearts with love, one for another, and we'll give you all glory and all praise for Jesus' sake. Amen and Amen.

Well, beloved, God bless. Thanks for coming out. We love you.

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