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The Holy Spirit is Given When Jesus is Glorified.

John 7:39

Is the Holy Spirit in competition with Jesus? The answer is absolutely not. Many people are not comfortable when the preachers are talking about the Holy Spirit. We have been talking about the Holy Spirit in the last few weeks or so and I am sure some of you are not very comfortable to hear about the Holy Spirit week after week. By the way, this week is the fourth week I have been preaching on the Holy Spirit. Who knows how many more sessions will be designated for this series on the Holy Spirit?

I would like to give a short message today but a very important one. It is about the relationship between the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ. There is an inseparable relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Please turn with me to John 7:39.

³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

In this short verse, Jesus revealed two important truths:

1. The Holy Spirit is only received when we believe in Jesus.

This means without Jesus, there is no Holy Spirit. In another expression, without faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit would never come. The Holy Spirit is only activated when

a person believes in Jesus. So the Holy Spirit is not experienced without faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit is always tied with Jesus. No Jesus, no Holy Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit is given when Jesus is glorified.

Jesus told the disciples another important truth about the relationship between the coming of the Holy Spirit and the glory of the Son Himself: **The Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

Here Jesus revealed the relationship between the coming of the Holy Spirit and His ascension. Jesus received His glory when He ascended into heaven, being seated at the right hand of God. So the ascension of Jesus is directly tied with the glory of Jesus. When Jesus was ascended into heaven, the Father sent the Holy Spirit to the church. The Holy Spirit was given to the church when Jesus was glorified through the ascension.

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Where there is the glory of Jesus, the Holy Spirit moves and acts.

When we exalt Jesus, there is the Holy Spirit ministering to us to worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. Worship of Jesus activates the presence of the Holy Spirit.

When the name of Jesus is witnessed, there is the Holy Spirit manifesting the power of God. Mission activates the power of the Holy Spirit.

When the name of Jesus is remembered in our fellowship, which is called communion, there is the Holy Spirit ministering to us to be in union with Jesus and with fellow believers.

The Holy Spirit is given when Jesus is glorified.

In John 16:14, Jesus spoke of the mission of the Holy Spirit--- **He (the Holy Spirit) will glorify Me for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.**

The main mission of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Jesus Christ.

It is to glorify God. 1 Cor 10:31 --- ³¹ **Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**

We are called to do everything for His glory. Whose glory is this? Is this God's glory? or Is this Christ's glory? When we glorify the Father, we glorify the Son; When we glorify the Son, we glorify the Father. So the church's main mission is to glorify Jesus Christ.

So the church and the Holy Spirit share the same mission, which is to glorify the Son, Jesus Christ.

When we glorify Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit loves us, the church. When the Holy Spirit loves what the church is doing, He comes powerfully to the church and helps us to do what the church is doing. So when we focus on the glory of Jesus in all we do, the Holy Spirit will inevitably come and walk with us. So the Holy Spirit is not in competition of Jesus. His mission is to glorify the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

So in order for us to cultivate companionship with the Holy Spirit, we just need to give Jesus glory in all we do. Exalt the name of Jesus in all we do, then the Holy Spirit will come and work with us.

How can we glorify Jesus Christ?

1. Have Faith in Jesus. Believe in Jesus and continue to believe in Him who is the Redeemer and the Lord.
2. Praise Him and Rejoice in Him.
3. Abide in Him and Obey His Word.
4. Have His Name Known to the world.
5. Have Fellowship With Other Believers.