

Knowing Jesus- February 12, 2023
Jesus and the Holy Spirit

God's Design to Nurture as Children

**How do we grow up
and become more like Jesus?**

Matthew 26:27-28 *Jesus provides forgiveness of sins.*

John 4:13-14 *"Living water" springing up to eternal life.*

Luke 8:3-15 *"The Sower and the Seed"*

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

**1. Jesus taught that we are incapable of understanding truth
and who He is without God helping us understand.**

Matthew 16:15-17 Peter was incapable of understanding apart from
God's commitment to helping him.

Luke 23:33-37 People don't realize the things they do.

John 16:1-4 Everyone who kills you will think they are offering a
service to God.

**Without Revelation from God,
we are capable of believing anything.**

**2. Jesus taught that the world is under the dominion of an
evil spirit named Satan and an army of evil spirits.**

John 18:36 My Kingdom is not of this realm.

Luke 4:5-8 It has been handed over to me.

Matthew 12:25-29 Jesus bound the "Strong Man" to control spirit
influences.

**It is the goal of Jesus is to eliminate
the dominion and influence of Satan in the World.**

John 12:31-32; 16:7-11

**3. Jesus taught that Satan deceives people and can become
the dominant influence in their lives.**

John 14:30-31 Jesus was killed by Judas and Satan was blamed.

John 8:39-47 You are of your Father, Satan, liar and murderer.

**Taking the dominion of Satan in this world seriously
helps explain a multitude of things we see.**

**4. Jesus taught that God's Spirit is in the world and
potentially in us to know and understand truth.**

John 4:23-24 worship in Spirit and in truth

John 14:16-17 the Helper is the Spirit of Truth, .. with you but will
be in you.

John 8:31-32 the truth will make you free.

The Holy Spirit is a Minister of Truth

The Holy Spirit Ministers to Our Understanding

- **The most determinative influence in our lives is our mind
as it is the source of all decisions about what we do.**
- **The mind is subject to a multitude of influences that impair
healthy understanding and choices.**

*Appetites, Desires, Deceptive Narratives, Falsehoods: Reality, God,
Jesus, Judgement, and Compulsion to Serve Self and Self-Justify*

- **The Spirit of God nurtures us with truth so that we will be
well-equipped to serve what is holy and righteous.**

*"²⁰ But you did not learn Christ in this way, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him
and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, ²² that, in reference
to your former way of life, you are to rid yourselves of the old self, which is
being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you are to
be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self,
which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and
holiness of the truth." Ephesians 4:20-24*