

The Witness of God is Greater

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God provides us with a unique and specific witness of His Son, a witness that is to dwell within us. It is a witness that is greatest and most reliable witness we can receive of Jesus Christ.

*If we receive the witness of men,
the witness of God is greater;
For this is the witness of God
which He hath testified of His Son.*

***He that believeth on the Son of God
hath the witness in himself;**
He that believeth not God
hath made Him a liar;
because he believeth not the record
that God gave of His Son.*

*And this is the record,
that God hath given to us eternal life,
And this life is in His Son.*

***He that hath the Son hath life;
And he that hath not the Son of God
hath not life.***

I John 5:9-12

This special witness, *the Spirit of truth*, is to dwell in us to both *testify* of Jesus Christ and to *glorify* Him in and through our lives.

*But when the **Comforter** is come,
whom I will send unto you from the Father,
even **the Spirit of truth**,
which proceedeth from the Father,
He shall testify of me.*

John 15:26

*I have yet many things to say unto you,
but ye cannot bear them now.*

*Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come,
he will guide you into all truth;
for he shall not speak of himself;
but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak;
and he will show you things to come.*

***He shall glorify me;**
for he shall receive of mine,
and shall show it unto you.*

John 16:12-14

*And he said unto them,
It is not for you to know the times or the seasons,
which the Father hath put in his own power.*

***But ye shall receive power,**
after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you;
and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea, and in Samaria,
and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Acts 1:7,8

Jesus referred to the *Spirit of truth* as the *Comforter* and the *Holy Ghost*.

*If ye love me,
keep my commandments.
And **I will pray** the Father,
and He shall give you another **Comforter**,
that He may abide in you forever;
Even the Spirit of truth;
whom the world cannot receive,
because it seeth Him not,
neither knoweth Him;
But ye know Him;
for He dwelleth with you,
and shall be in you.
I will not leave you **comfortless;**
I will come to you.*

John 14:15-18

*But the **Comforter**,
which is the **Holy Ghost**,
whom the Father will send in my name,
He shall teach you all things,*

*and bring all things to your remembrance,
whatsoever I have said unto you.*

John 14:26

Paul, the Apostle of Jesus Christ, also referred to this special witness by a number of different names and titles, including *the Spirit of His Son, the Spirit of adoption, the Spirit of life, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of God, His Spirit,* and simply *the Spirit*.

*And because ye are sons,
God hath sent forth **the Spirit of his Son**
into your hearts,
crying, *Abba, Father.**

Galatians 4:6

*There is therefore now no condemnation
to them which are in Christ Jesus,
who walk not after the flesh,
but after **the Spirit**.
For the law of **the Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus
hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
For what the law could not do,
in that it was weak through the flesh,
God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh,
and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh;
That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us,
who walk not after the flesh, but after **the Spirit**.
For they that are after the flesh
do mind the things of the flesh;
But they that are after **the Spirit**,
the things of **the Spirit**.
For to be carnally minded is death;
But to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
Because the carnal mind is enmity against God;
For it is not subject to the law of God,
neither indeed can be.
So then they that are after the flesh
cannot please God.
But ye are not after the flesh, but after **the Spirit**,
if so be that **the Spirit of God** dwell in you.
Now if any man have not **the Spirit of Christ**,
he is none of his.*

*And if **Christ be in you,**
 though the body shall die because of sin,
 yet **the Spirit** is life, because of righteousness.
 And if **the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead,**
 dwell in you,
 He that raised up Christ from the dead
 shall also quicken your mortal bodies
 by **his Spirit** that dwelleth in you.
 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors,
 not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
 For if ye live after the flesh, unto sin, ye shall die;
 But if ye through **the Spirit**
 do mortify the deeds of the body,
 ye shall live unto Christ.
 For as many as are led by **the Spirit of God,**
 they are the sons of God.
 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear;
 But ye have received **the Spirit of adoption;**
 whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit,
 that we are the children of God;
 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God,
 and joint heirs with Christ;
 if so be that we suffer with him,
 that we may be also glorified together.*

Romans 8:1-17

*Now the Lord is **that Spirit;**
 and where **the Spirit of the Lord** is,
 there is liberty.*

II Corinthians 3:17

But just how do we receive our Lord's Spirit? Jesus testified that those who love Him unto obeying Him receive this special witness through His prayer of intercession.

*If ye love me,
 keep my commandments.
 And **I will pray** the Father,
 and He shall give you another **Comforter,**
that He may abide in you forever;
Even the Spirit of truth;*

*whom the world cannot receive,
because it seeth Him not,
neither knoweth Him;
But ye know Him;
for He dwelleth with you,
and shall be in you.
I will not leave you **comfortless**;
I will come to you.*

John 14:15-18

This understanding is crucial to our receiving His Spirit. Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and mankind (I Timothy 2:4,5 with Mark 1:5,6). Therefore, if it is your desire to receive the witness God gives of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, set your heart upon loving and obeying Him – no matter how imperfect that love and obedience may be at first. Our Lord is gracious to grant His witness unto all who believe on His name, Jesus Christ, and come unto Him to be cleansed and freed from sin that they may be born anew and enter into and abide forever in God’s kingdom.

*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,
that we should be called the sons of God;
therefore the world knoweth us not,
because it knew him not.
Beloved, now are we the sons of God,
and it doth not yet appear what we shall be;
but we know that, when he shall appear,
we shall be like him;
for we shall see him as he is.
And every man that hath this hope in him
purifieth himself,
even as he is pure.*

I John 3:1-3

*Wherefore, my beloved brethren, pray unto the Father
with all the energy of heart,
That ye may be filled with this love which He
hath bestowed upon all who are true followers
of His Son Jesus Christ,
That ye may become the sons of God,
That when He shall appear, we shall be like Him-
for we shall see Him as He is-
That we may have this hope,
That we may be purified even as He is pure. Amen.*

John 14:15-18

Obedience involves following Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. It involves repenting and coming unto Him so He may draw you into His sheepfold, into the body of believers He gathers together, called the church.

The DNA of the Body of Christ: The Testimony of Jesus – The Spirit of Prophecy

While our Lord's Spirit is referred to by different names and titles in scripture, each of which reveals His many different roles and ministries (e.g. I Corinthians 12:4-31), we must ever remember that His central mission, as God's witness of His Son, is to *testify* of Jesus Christ and to *glorify* Him.¹ And so it is written, "*the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*"

*And he saith unto me, write,
Blessed are they which are called
unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.
And he saith unto me,
These are the true sayings of God.
And I fell at his feet to worship him.
And he said unto me,
See that thou do it not;
I am thy fellow servant,
**and of thy brethren
that have the testimony of Jesus;**
Worship God;
**for the testimony of Jesus
is the spirit of prophecy.***

Revelation 19:9,10

This is why Paul expressed the desire that all of the members of the church would prophecy.

*Follow after charity,
and desire spiritual gifts,
but rather that ye may prophesy.
For he that speaketh in another tongue
speaketh not unto men, but unto God;
for no man understandeth him;
howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.
**But he that prophesieth
speaketh unto men to edification,
and exhortation, and comfort.***

I Corinthians 14:1-3

¹ Just how the Spirit of truth glorifies Jesus will be discussed further later in this answer. In essence, it is through the fruit it bears in and through our lives according to ministry and doctrine of Christ.

In so prophesying all of the members of Christ's body, the church, will speak of their Lord and, thus, will express a common and unifying witness of His mission and His ministry as well of Himself.

*Now I beseech you, brethren,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that ye all speak the same thing,
and that there be no divisions among you;
But that ye be perfectly joined together
in the same mind
and in the same judgment.*

I Corinthians 1:10

*For what man knoweth the things of a man,
save the spirit of man which is in him?
**Even so the things of God knoweth no man,
except he has the Spirit of God.**
Now we have received,
not the spirit of the world,
but **the Spirit which is of God;**
**that we might know the things
that are freely given to us of God.**
Which things also we speak,
not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth,
but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;
comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
But the natural man
receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God;
for they are foolishness unto him;
neither can he know them,
because they are spiritually discerned.
But he that is spiritual judgeth all things,
yet he himself is judged of no man.
For who hath known the mind of the Lord,
that he may instruct him?
But we have the mind of Christ.*

I Corinthians 2:11-16

*We having **the same spirit of faith,**
according as it is written,
I believed, and therefore have I spoken;*

*we also believe,
and therefore speak.*

II Corinthians 4:13

This confession of Christ – the testimony of Jesus brought forth in our lives by the Spirit of prophecy, is granted according to the covenant which the Lord testified He would make with His covenant people.

*A new heart also will I give you,
and a new spirit will I put within you;
and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh,
and I will give you a heart of flesh.
And I will put my Spirit within you,
and cause you to walk in my statutes,
and ye shall keep my judgments and do them.
And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers;
and ye shall be my people,
and I will be your God..*

Ezekiel 36:26-28

*But this shall be the covenant
that I will make with the house of Israel;
After those days, saith the Lord,
I will put my law in their inward parts,
and write it in their hearts;
and will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor,
and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord;
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord;
for I will forgive their iniquity,
and I will remember their sin no more.*

Jeremiah 31:33,34

*For this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord;
I will put my laws into their mind,
and write them in their hearts;
and I will be to them a God,
and they shall be to me a people;*

*And they shall not teach every man his neighbor,
and every man his brother,
saying, Know the Lord;
for all shall know me,
from the least to the greatest.*

Hebrews 8:10,11

For as it is written, no one can truthfully call Jesus Lord except they have God's abiding witness of His Son dwelling within themselves.

*Wherefore I give you to understand,
that no man speaking by the Spirit of God
calleth Jesus accursed;
**And that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord,
but by the Holy Ghost.***

I Corinthians 12:3

Moses expressed the same desire Paul expressed regarding God's people: that they all would prophesy by the Spirit of the Lord being placed upon them.

*And Moses said unto him,
Enviest thou for my sake?
would God that all the Lord's people were prophets,
and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them.*

Numbers 11:29

Why? As Paul testified, those who speak by the Spirit of prophecy (the witness God gives of His Son), speak of Jesus Christ unto the building up (edifying) of the body of Christ, the church.

*But he that prophesieth
speaketh unto men to edification,
and exhortation, and comfort.*

I Corinthians 14:3

Hence the call to give heed to *the word of prophecy*. If we do, our souls will be filled with that light which shines in darkness to reveal Jesus Christ.

*We have therefore
a more sure knowledge of **the word of prophecy**,
to which word of prophecy ye do well that ye take heed,
as unto a light which shineth in a dark place,
until the day dawn,*

*and the day star arise in your hearts;
Knowing this first,
that no prophecy of the scriptures
is given of any private will of man.
For the prophecy came not in old time
by the will of man;
But holy men of God spake
as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

II Peter 1:19-21

*For we preach not ourselves,
but Christ Jesus the Lord;
and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.
For God,
who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,
hath shined in our hearts,
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the excellency of the power may be of God,
and not of us.*

II Corinthians 4:4:5-7

This is why the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. It is the DNA, the genetics of the body of Christ. It is in every cell, every member, of the body, thus identifying each as part of His body. It is characteristic of all those who have been grafted into Him as a live and fruitful branch. It is the means by which they overcome the world.

*I thank my God always on your behalf,
for the grace of God which is given you of Jesus Christ;
That in everything ye are enriched of him,
in all utterance,
and in all knowledge;
Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you;
So that ye come behind in no gift;
waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
Who shall also confirm you unto the end,
that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful,
by whom ye were called unto the fellowship*

of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

I Corinthians 1:4-9

*For they have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb,
and by **the word of their testimony**;
For they loved not their own lives,
but kept the testimony even unto death.
Therefore, rejoice O heavens,
and ye that dwell in them.*

Revelation 12:11

Remember, all true prophets, especially those through whom the scriptures have been recorded, have spoken of Jesus Christ to His honor and glory.

*Therefore if I bear witness of myself,
yet my witness is true.
For I am not alone,
there is another who beareth witness of me,
and I know that the testimony which he giveth of me is true.
Ye sent unto John,
and he bare witness also unto the truth.
**And he received not his testimony of man,
but of God,**
and ye yourselves say that he is a **prophet**,
therefore ye ought to receive his testimony.
These things I say that ye might be saved.
He was a burning and a shining light;
and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.
But I have a greater witness than the testimony of John;
for the works which the Father hath given me to finish,
the same works that I do,
bear witness of me,
that the Father hath sent me.
And the Father himself who sent me,
hath borne witness of me.
And verily I testify unto you,
that ye have never heard his voice at any time,
nor seen his shape;
For ye have not his word abiding in you;
and him whom he hath sent, ye believe not.
Search the Scriptures;*

*for in them ye think ye have eternal life;
and they are they which testify of me.*

John 5:32-40

While Paul and Moses would that all of God's people were prophets (and thus would testify of Jesus by the Spirit of truth), we must not focus on the gift. Instead we must take great care to keep our focus upon Jesus Christ, the One of whom they have spoken, "*For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*"

*The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee
a Prophet from the midst of thee,
of thy brethren,
like unto me;*

Unto him ye shall hearken;

...

*I will raise them up a Prophet
from among their brethren,
like unto thee,
and will put my words in his mouth;
and he shall speak unto them
all that I shall command him.*

*And it shall come to pass,
that whosoever will not hearken unto my words
which he shall speak in my name,
I will require it of him.*

Deuteronomy 18:15,18,19

*Behold, I Am He of whom Moses spake, saying:
A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up
unto you of your brethren like unto me;
Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever
He shall say unto you.*

*And it shall come to pass that every soul
which will not hear that Prophet,
shall be cut off from among the people.*

*Verily I say unto you,
yea, and all the prophets from Samuel
and those that follow after, **as many
as have spoken, have testified of Me.***

III Nephi 9:60-62

*For I have not spoken of myself;
but the Father which sent me,
he gave me a commandment,
what I should say,
and what I should speak.
And I know that his commandment is life everlasting;
Whatsoever I speak therefore,
even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

John 12:49,50

*For through him
we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners,
but fellow citizens with the saints,
and of the household of God;
**And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone;**
In whom all the building fitly framed together
groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord;
In whom ye also are builded together
for an habitation of God
through the Spirit.*

Ephesians 2:18-22

That is, care must be taken not to worship the gift itself. Rather, care must be taken to worship the One to Whom this precious gift directs us, Jesus Christ. While the Spirit is granted to us as *the earnest of our inheritance* (II Corinthians 5:5), we must not let the fact that we have received God's witness of His Son shift our focus and trust away from Jesus Christ Himself. Focusing upon spiritual gifts and one's own giftedness will give counterfeit spiritual gifts an opportunity to draw our attention away from our Lord and His redemption. Take care, then, that the expression of the gift and the message of the expression of the gift serves God's purposes alone. For it is written:

*And the spirits of the prophets
are subject to the prophets.*

I Corinthians 14:32

For Every Tree is Known by His Own Fruit

John, the Apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote that *God is light* and that *God is love* (I John 1:5 & 4:8,16). Therefore, the presence of God's Spirit, His indwelling witness of Jesus Christ, will be manifest by *both* the light *and* the love of God in our lives (Hebrews 11:1 with I John 3:1-3).

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
I give unto you to be the light of the world;
a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.*

*Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel?
Nay, but on a candlestick;
and it giveth light to all that are in the house.*

***Therefore, let your light so shine before this world,
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father who is in heaven.***

Matthew 5:16-18

*Believest thou not that I am in the Father,
and the Father in me?
The words that I speak unto you
I speak not of myself;
but the Father that dwelleth in me,
he doeth the works.*

*Believe me that I am in the Father,
and the Father in me;
Or else believe me for the very works' sake.*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
**He that believeth on me,
the works that I do shall he do also;
and greater works than these shall he do;
because I go unto my Father.***

John 14:10-12

*For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus unto good works,
which God hath before ordained
that we should walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:10

As a branch is grafted into a vine, so are we *grafted* into Jesus Christ through the reception of His Spirit given to us by our heavenly Father. God's purpose in giving us the Spirit of His Son is to cause us to bring forth the fruit of His Spirit, that is, to be like Him in action and in deed. Thus we will bring honor and glory to God if we are not barren in the fruit of His Spirit. For without Jesus, we can do nothing good or lasting.

*I am the true vine
and my Father is the husbandman.*

*Every branch in me that beareth not fruit
He taketh away;
And every branch that beareth fruit,
He purgeth it,
that it may bring forth more fruit.*

*Now are ye clean through the word
which I have spoken unto you.*

*Abide in me,
and I in you.
As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself,
except it abide in the vine;
no more can ye,
except ye abide in me.*

*I am the vine,
ye are the branches.
He that abideth in me, and I in him,
the same bringeth forth much fruit
For without me ye can do nothing.*

...
*Herein is my Father glorified,
that ye bear much fruit;
so shall ye be my disciples.*

...
*This is my commandment,
That ye love one another,
as I have loved you.*

...
*Ye have not chosen me,
but I have chosen you,
and ordained you,
that ye should go and bring forth fruit;
and that your fruit should remain;
That whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name,
he may give it you.*

John 15:1-5,8,12,16

Through the Spirit, our Lord takes residence within us and begins to bear the fruit of His Spirit from within our lives. The fruit (good works) are the expression of His light *and* love abiding in and through us (Romans 5:5).

*This then is the message which we have heard of Him,
and declare unto you,
that God is light,*

and in Him is no darkness at all.

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him,
and walk in darkness,
we lie, and do not the truth.*

***But if we walk in the light,
as He is in the light,
we have fellowship one with another,
and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son
cleanseth us from all sin.***

I John 1:5-7

***And hereby we do know that we know Him,
if we keep His commandments.***

*He that saith, I know Him,
and keepeth not His commandments,
is a liar,
and the truth is not in Him.*

*But whoso keepeth His word,
in Him verily is the love of God perfected;
Hereby know we that we are in Him.*

*He that saith he abideth in Him
ought himself also so to walk,
even as He walked.*

I John 2:3-6

*Behold, what manner of love
the Father hath bestowed upon us,
that we should be called the sons of God;
Therefore the world knoweth us not,
because it knew Him not.*

*Beloved, now are we the sons of God,
and it doth not yet appear what we shall be;
But we know that when He shall appear,
we shall be like Him;
for we shall see Him as He is.*

*And every man that hath this hope in Him
purifieth himself,
even as He is pure.*

I John 3:1-3

*Beloved, let us love one another;
for love is of God;
and everyone that loveth is **born of God,**
and knoweth God.*

*He that loveth not,
knoweth not God;
for God is love.*

*In this was manifest the love of God toward us,
because that God sent His Only Begotten Son
into the world,
that we might live through Him.*

I John 4:7-9

*Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us,
because He hath given us of His Spirit.*

*And we have seen and do testify
that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.*

*Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God,
God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*

*And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us.
God is love;
and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God,
and God in him.*

*Herein is our love made perfect,
that we may have boldness in the day of judgment;
because as He is, so are we in this world.*

*There is no fear in love;
but perfect love casteth out fear;
because fear hath torment.
He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

I John 4:13-18

God's intent is that we bear Him the fruit (evidence) His Spirit from within our lives (Galatians 5:22-26 & Luke 6:43-45 with Hebrews 11:1). This is how may we know that we have received this true witness God gives of His Son.

*For ye were sometime darkness,
but now are ye light in the Lord;*

walk as children of light;

*(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all
goodness
and
righteousness
and
truth;)*

Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness,
but rather reprove them.*

Ephesians 5:8-11

*For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit;
neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit;*

*For every tree is known by his own fruit.
For of thorns men do not gather figs,
nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.*

*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart,
bringeth forth that which is good.
And the evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart,
bringeth forth that which is evil;
For of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*

Luke 6:43-45

God's *faithful witness* of His Son fills believers with an open and honest (truthful) love for God and for each other (I Peter 1:22,23 with Colossians 3, II Corinthians 5, John 8, etc.). Because love can be feigned (faked), we must rely upon the Spirit of truth, not feelings. The Spirit of God moves us to compassion and good works unto the expression of God's honesty and righteousness, and we are to do the same, especially as we approach the day of the Lord (Hebrews 10:24,25 with John 13:34,35).

*Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ
is born of God;
And everyone that loveth Him that begat
loveth him also that is begotten of Him.*

*By this we know that we love the children of God,
when we love God, and keep His commandments.*

*For this is the love of God,
that we keep His commandments;*

and His commandments are not grievous.

*For whatsoever is born of God
overcometh the world;
And this is the victory that overcometh the world,
even our faith.*

*Who is he that overcometh the world,
but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*

*This is he that came by water and blood,
even Jesus Christ;
Not by water only,
but by water and blood.
And it is the Spirit that beareth witness,
because the Spirit is truth.*

I John 5:1-6

*A new commandment I give unto you.
That ye love one another;
As I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

*By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another.*

John 13:34,35

*Hereby perceive we the love of Christ,
because he laid down his life for us;
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
But whoso hath this world's good,
and seeth his brother have need,
and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him,
how dwelleth the love of God in him?*

*My little children,
let us not love in word,
neither in tongue only;
but in deed and in truth.*

*And hereby we know that we are of the truth,
and shall assure our hearts before him. .*

I John 3:16-19

In this way, through both light and love, God's Spirit fills our lives with a *witness* that is consistent with our Lord's commands and teachings (John 14 & 16). Stated another way, it is through the reception of Jesus Christ's Spirit of truth that we may personally come to know

Jesus Christ as *Emmanuel*, i.e. as *God with us*. With the granting of His Spirit, our Lord gives us the ability to *walk* according to His ways through the power of His words (John 6:24-71 with Deuteronomy 8:3).

*He [Jesus] came unto His own,
and His own received Him not.*

*But as many as received Him,
to them gave He power
to become the sons of God;
Only to them who believe on His name.*

*He was born,
not of blood,
nor of the will of the flesh,
nor of the will of man,
But of God.*

*And the same Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us,
And we beheld His glory,
the glory as of the Only Begotten
of the Father,
full of grace and truth.*

*John bear witness of Him,
and cried, saying,
This is He of whom I spake;
He who cometh after me,
is preferred before me;
for He was before me.*

*For in the beginning was the Word,
even the Son, who is made flesh,
and sent unto us by the will of the Father.
And as many as believe on His name
shall receive of His fullness.
And of His fullness have all we received,
even immortality and eternal life,
through His grace.*

John 1:11-16

Thus, through receiving His Spirit of truth we may come to know Jesus Christ as *the Good Shepherd*, as the One who is able to lead us safely into *all truth* and, thus, into full fellowship with our heavenly Father (cf. Hebrews 7:24 with John 1).

*Then said Jesus unto them again,
Verily, verily, I say unto you,
I am the door of the sheepfold.*

*All that ever came before me
who testified not of me
are thieves and robbers;
but the sheep did not hear them.*

*I am the door;
By me if any man enter in,
he shall be saved,
and shall go in and out,
and find pasture.*

*The thief cometh not,
but for to steal,
and to kill,
and to destroy;
I am come that they might have life,
and that they might have it more abundantly.*

*I am the good shepherd;
The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep.*

*And the shepherd is not as a hireling,
whose own the sheep are not,
who seeth the wolf coming,
and leaveth the sheep,
and fleeth;
and the wolf catcheth the sheep and scattereth them.*

*For I am the good shepherd,
and know my sheep,
and am known of mine.*

*But he who is a hireling fleeth,
because he is a hireling,
and careth not for the sheep.*

*As the Father knoweth me,
even so know I the Father;
and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

*And other sheep I have,
which are not of this fold;*

*them also I must bring,
and they shall hear my voice;
and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.*

*Therefore doth my Father love me,
because I lay down my life,
that I might take it again.*

John 10:7-17

Place your trust in Jesus Christ. Receive the witness that God gives of His Only Begotten Son (His Spirit of truth) so you may know Him and live according to His Word. Let Him live through you, giving you power to love honestly and openly as He loves according to the truth. Remember, He purchased you by sacrifice so He might grant unto you *righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost* in the eternal kingdom of God (Romans 14:17 with John 10).

*What!
Know ye not
that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost
which is in you,
which ye have of God
and ye are not your own?*

*For ye are bought with a price;
Therefore glorify God in your body,
and in your spirit,
which are God's.*

I Corinthians 6:19,20

*As ye have therefore **received** Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk ye in him;*

*Rooted and built up in him,
and established in the faith,
as ye have been taught,
abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

*Beware lest any man spoil you
through philosophy and vain deceit,
after the tradition of men,
after the rudiments of the world,
and not after Christ.
For in him dwelleth all the fullness
of the Godhead bodily.*

*And ye are complete in him,
which is the head of all principality and power*

Colossians 2:6-10

In summary, just knowing details about Jesus Christ and His life – by what we may read or by what others may tell us about Him – is not enough to come to know Jesus Christ and His true identity. Like the faithful believers who have gone before us, we must actually receive His Spirit within us as the living testimony God gives of His Only Begotten Son (Acts 1:4-8 with Acts 2; see also Romans 5:5).

*But as it is written,
Eye hath not seen,
nor ear heard,
neither have entered into the heart of man,
the things which God hath prepared
for them that love him.*

***But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit;
For the Spirit searcheth all things,
yea, the deep things of God.***

*For what man knoweth the things of a man,
save the spirit of man which is in him?
Even so the things of God knoweth no man,
except he has the Spirit of God.*

I Corinthians 2:9-11