

5. The Spirit of Restoration The Vineyard Church of Conroe R.W. McDonald

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Sermon Notes

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Psalm 1:1-3

To Meet the Mysterious Person of the Holy Spirit is to...

CULTIVATE A HOPE OF RESTORATION FOR OURSELVES.

OTHERS, AND THE WORLD

And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom 15:12-13

I. Isaiah 11:1-2 NCV

¹ A new branch will grow from a stump of a tree; so a new king will come from the family of Jesse. ² The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon that king. The Spirit will give him wisdom and understanding, guidance and power. The Spirit will teach him to know and respect the Lord.

The Restorative nature of the Holy Spirit...

BREATHES HOPE INTO US BY USING OUR GIFTS AND REMINDING US OF OUR CALL

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Rom 11:29 ESV

II. <u>Isaiah 49:15-23 NIV</u>

15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! 16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. 17 Your children hasten back, and those who laid you waste depart from you. 18 Lift up your eyes and look around; all your children gather and come to you. As surely as I live," declares the Lord, "you will wear them all as ornaments; you will put them on, like a bride. 19 "Though you were ruined and made desolate and your land laid waste, now you will be too small for your people, and those who devoured you will be far away. 20 The children born during your bereavement will yet say in your hearing, 'This place is too small for us; give us more space to live in.' 21 Then you will say in your heart, 'Who bore me these? I was bereaved and barren; I was exiled and rejected. Who brought these up? I was left all alone, but these—where have they come from?" 22 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "See, I will beckon to the nations. I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their hips. 23 Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in me will not be disappointed."

The Restorative nature of the Holy Spirit...

IS ALWAYS WORKING EVEN WHEN WE ARE HOPELESS OR

FAITHLESS

...if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself. 2 Timothy 2:13

III. Galatians 6:1-2 ESV

"Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

The Restorative nature of the Holy Spirit...

MOVES US TOWARD COMPASSION AND FORGIVENESS FOR OTHERS

For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for. 2 Corinthians 13:9 ESV