**The Ministry of the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit's ministry

 -  the place and work of the Holy Spirit pertaining to Jehovah's redemption plan

John 15:1-10

The **directive** is to abide

Abide means to remain and to stay

abide: do not forsake the work of the Holy Spirit in you personally

If the disciple abides in Christ and the words of Christ “abide” in the disciple, the requests of the disciple will be fulfilled

The truth is not an option in being led of the Holy Spirit and being fruitful

The Holy Spirit is not going to fail in His work, but you can grieve the Holy Spirit!

John 16:12 The command is to love

There is a difference in evidence and fruit

Fruit is the product that gives proof of the source.

The fruit of the Spirit is love

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 Tongues, prophesy, operation of spiritual gifts, are no good if the fruit of love is absent!

Prophesy (John 15:18 - 16:4)

John 15:26-27

As these apostles will bear witness, so also will all those to whom the Holy Spirit comes

The difference is that the apostles were eye witnesses (2 Peter 1:16)

When the Comforter comes, He will testify of Christ.

To testify of Christ, means that the Holy Spirit will reveal the reality of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Disciples, by the power of the Holy Spirit, will testify of Christ.

In the midst of persecution, the love of God shines through when you submit to the lead of the Holy Spirit.

Christ will be seen.

Luke 23:39-43, Mark 15:39, Acts 16:25-34

Assurance

Jesus after the prophesy provides assurance

John 16:7 Expedient?

He stresses to them that it is expedient for them that Jesus departs.

In other words, Jesus is saying it is better this way though you cannot see it now!

Why is it expedient?

Time to go further into the subjects of:

1 - Baptism

2 - Adoption

3 - Spirit of Christ

Why is it that the Comforter, the Holy Spirit cannot come until Jesus goes away?

**Baptism**

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:2)

 - Why that name (the law of the **Spirit** of life in **Christ Jesus**)?

- Because there is no ministry of the Spirit in redemption without the ministry of Christ coming first

**After Christ does His redemptive work here on earth, then the redemptive work of the Holy Spirit gets going**!

It is that combination of Christ’s redemptive work and the Holy Spirit’s redemptive work that spells salvation for you!

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is the principle that goes into effect by virtue of you accepting the redemptive work of Christ for you.

Once Christ has made a way, the Holy Spirit baptizes the **believer** into the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13 Baptism

The reference is washing

 - Isaiah 1:16-19

This baptism is where the believer is given a new nature (no longer of the world!) – becomes a new creature!

- This is where old things are passed away

- All things are become new

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 3:27

The washing, the baptism references:

- Putting away the filth of the old man

- Putting away of your sins

- Putting on that which pertains to Christ

So now we identify with Christ and not this world.

This is a literal event executed by the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:3-5 the washing of regeneration has taken place for every believer

This is being born-again

**Why is it expedient?**

- The Holy Spirit’s ministry kicks in after the redemptive work of Christ takes place on the earth

- Without the work of the Holy Spirit you have no connection with Christ other than in name

But that is not all.