

Question 59

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Q59. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?

A59. God has told us that we must pray to Him for the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Base: Matt. 21:22; Luke 11:13;
John 3:1-8, 14:14, 15:1-8.

Doctrine: WCF 10:1; SC 29, 30, 31

Supplementary Questions

1. Why do you need the help of the Holy Spirit?

2. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?

3. Does God have to give you His Spirit if you ask?

Songs: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (#334),
"The Lord our God is One" & "God is a Spirit" - J Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review: Q58 Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power? - *No; I can do nothing good without the help of God's Holy Spirit.*

Story: Nicodemus, John 3:1-8

Questions:

- 1a. Apart from Him, you can do nothing good: *Rom. 8:6-9* If we don't have the Spirit, then we're powered by the flesh [our sin] and so can't please God; *John 15:5* The sap that comes from the vine [Jesus] to the branches [His people] is the Holy Spirit, who enables us to do good.
- b. Only the Spirit can give you spiritual life. (*John 3:5-6 and 6:63*)
- 2a. Can you buy Him? No, He is infinitely precious. It is very wicked even to think that you can. (*Simon the sorcerer, Acts 8:18-20*).
- b. Can you work for Him? No, our works are worthless in God's eyes. (*Isa. 64:6*).
- c. How can you get His help? You must ask the Father. (*Luke 11:13*)
3. God will only answer those prayers that are offered in faith in the name of His Son. (*Matt. 21:22 and John 14:14*) If you don't ask in faith, the Father doesn't have to answer. (*Is. 59:1-2*)

Gospel: *John 15:1-8:* The only way you can ask in faith is with the Spirit's help. If you don't have the Spirit, you need to ask God to give Him to you. Without the Spirit's help, you won't really mean it, because you don't really love God. And so you must ask the Father, in His infinite grace and mercy, to give you His Spirit to change your heart, to make you able and willing to come to His Son in faith and in love, so that your prayers will be heard and you will be saved.

Extras: Coloring Sheet of vine & branches, including John 15:5
The Spirit is the One who places us in Jesus, and who is the sap that runs down the branches enabling us to bear good fruit.

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