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In John 6:45, Jesus said, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** Why should we be concerned about this statement that Jesus made in John 6:45? Jesus was teaching the New Covenant that we are under today. Many things Jesus taught were for the New Covenant, and were not the same as the Old Covenant.

In the Old Covenant everyone was not taught by God. Only certain people had an anointing from God. And only certain people were given the anointing to teach. Everyone else was taught mainly by the Levites, who were chosen by the LORD God to serve Him in things pertaining to the Law and the service to the LORD (Num. 3:12).

This has all been changed in the New Covenant. Now, everyone who is born again has God dwelling in them (in their spirit). They are true children of God. God the Holy Spirit is to be their Teacher, Helper, Guide, Comforter, and Leader. It was written in the Prophets that in the New Covenant they shall all be taught by God.

The LORD God made a covenant with the Children of Israel at the time of Moses. In that covenant, they were to teach each other to know the LORD their God. They did not keep their covenant, therefore in Jeremiah 31:31 it says, **“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.”** In this New Covenant it says in Jeremiah 31:33,34, **“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 neighbour, 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.”**

In Hebrews 8:6 it tells us, **“But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.”** Our Covenant is **“a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.”** There are many “better things” included in the New Covenant that were not in the Old Covenant.

One of those better things is that in the New Covenant **“we can all be taught by God.”** This is very important in many ways. God knows everything and everyone. God knows what we do not know and God knows how to teach us things we do not know. The Holy Spirit is our teacher, not men.

When we are taught by the Holy Spirit, we know the truth concerning all things. The Holy Spirit never teaches us anything that is not beneficial to us in every area of our lives. Whatsoever it is that we do not know, the Holy Spirit knows and also knows how to teach us what we do not know.

The Holy Spirit knows what we have learned over the years that does not agree with the Gospel. The Gospel is the good news of what God has done for us through His Son, Jesus Christ. From a child on I received a lot of teachings that did not always agree with the Gospel. The Holy Spirit helps us to overcome those teachings.

One day a woman, who was a single parent with a teenage daughter called me. Her daughter was getting involved in sex with older men. She tried to get her daughter to change, but she could not. So, she called me to see what the Bible said to do.

The day she called I told her I would talk to her about it. It took almost an hour for her to get

to where I was from her house. In the meantime, I spent all that time going through my Bible, marking down all the Bible verses I could find, to show her when she came. As you can imagine, with all the teachings of men I had been under, I went to the Law.

When she got to the shop, I already had a number of verses marked down. But, the first thing I did was asked her to explain the situation once more to me. When she finished explaining everything, the Holy Spirit took over.

I did not use a single Bible verse that I had marked down. I said, *“Let me ask you a question, is your daughter born again?”* She said, *“Yes.”* Without thinking what I was about to say, I said, *“Then she is not your daughter, she’s God daughter, she’s your sister in the LORD! Put her in God’s hands, love her, pray for her, ask the Holy Spirit to take over in her life and set her free.”*

When we let the Holy Spirit use us to help others, what we say and do will agree with the written Word of God. In 1 Corinthians 7:9 it says, **“But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.”**

About six months later she called me and told me her daughter met a young man in church who was born again; and they were going to get married. About six months after that her daughter sent me an invitation to the wedding. I went to the wedding.

The Holy Spirit will teach us things in agreement with the New Covenant. God is not out to condemn Christians who get caught up in the works of the flesh. God is out to set them free, by His power and His ability. We cannot do God’s work for Him. But we can let the Holy Spirit use us to do the will of God in our lives and the lives of those He loves.

One of the main reasons Jesus said we should not judge others is because we do not have the ability to change other peoples lives. But God does have that ability. If we will love others the way God loves us, He can use us to change the lives of others. Only God can change peoples lives to become like Jesus. This is a major part of the Gospel that God want’s to teach people today. What man cannot do, God can do (Matt. 19:25,26).

It was always God’s desire to teach us, and to guide, comfort, help, and lead us in everything we do. God is love and God loves everyone. God also knows there is an enemy in the world that wants to destroy us. God knows what we need to know and what we need to do in this life here on earth.

As we look back in the beginning of the Bible we see that God had a plan for man right from the beginning. Included in that plan was that man should eat of the Tree of Life (Gen. 2:9,16,17). In short, eating of the Tree of Life produces the very life of God within us. Adam and Eve could have eaten of the Tree of Life, but instead they listened to the enemy and ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil instead (Gen. 3:1-17). But God preserved the Tree of life for those of the New Covenant, follow the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus is **“the firstborn from the dead”** (Rom. 8:29). Jesus became **“the head of the body of Christ”** (Col. 1:18). All who are born again are members of His body. Eating of the Tree of Life brings eternal life to everyone who receives Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior. That is when we begin to eat of the Tree of Life. We must continue to eat of the Tree of Life to maintain our life in Christ.

To eat of the Tree of Life we must be taught by God. Without the Holy Spirit working in our lives we cannot eat of the Tree of Life, neither can we maintain our eternal life in Christ Jesus. This is important to understand.

In John 6:44 Jesus said, **“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me**

draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.” Unless the Holy Spirit draws us, we cannot come to Jesus. Everything that happens in our lives in Christ Jesus is dependant upon a work of the Holy Spirit. This is important to understand. God works with people through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the one God has sent to be our teacher, helper, guide, comforter, and leader in everything we do. Unless we are taught by God, we cannot know the things that are important to us in this life as well as in eternity to come.

We must not reject the teaching of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We must not try to do things in our lives without the help of the Holy Spirit. God wants to be our “personal God” in everything we do. We must do all we can to be sure the Holy Spirit is our teacher in all things.

The Holy Spirit carries out the will of God the Father and the Son here on earth. Yet the Holy Spirit never goes against our will. We must be willing to let the Holy Spirit teach us in every area of our lives.

In the Old Testament, God established “a personal” individual fellowship with a number of people, like Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, etc. God always wanted to have a personal, individual fellowship with each person alive on this earth. But many have not desired to have a personal, individual, fellowship with God. This is sad, because only with God can we obtain all that God has planned for us.

Back at the time of Moses, God brought the Children of Israel out of Egypt, that they could enter into the land of promise. Yet, when God wanted to talk to His chosen people on a one-to-one basis, they did not want to hear from God themselves. In Exodus 20:19 it says, **“And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”** God wanted to have personal fellowship with His people, but they do not want to hear from God themselves. This is sad, because God is love and desires a one-on-one fellowship with all His people.

Following that time in Exodus 20:19, the children of Israel continually went away from God. Without fellowship with God it is easy for the enemy to deceive us into following other spirits. After sending out twelve spies to spy out the land of promise, the children would not mix faith with the Word of God given to them (Heb. 3:16-4:2). When they heard the report of ten of the spies they turned away from the leading of the Holy Spirit and desired to go back to Egypt (Num. 13:26-14:10). As a result of their not wanting to go in and take the land, but wanting to go back to Egypt all those over twenty died in the wilderness.

These children of Israel had a wonderful opportunity to enter the promised land, but first they do not want a personal one-on-one fellowship with God. Then they did not have faith to bring them into the promised land. What they wanted was for someone else to hear from God for them. They wanted a mediator between them and God.

We see this again in 1 Samuel, Chapter Eight. The children of Israel wanted a king to rule over them like the other nations of the world. They did not want the LORD God to be their source of everything in their lives. When Samuel heard their request, he prayed to the LORD. In 1 Samuel 8:7 it says, **“And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.”**

The LORD did give them a king, but look what happened later among the kings. Many times the children of Israel were defeated by the kings of this world. At the time of King Hezekiah ten tribes of Israel went into captivity. At the time of Jechonias the tribe of Judah went into captivity.

What about Christians today? Do they want to be led by the Holy Spirit personally, individually? Or do they also want someone else between them and God?

We need the five-fold ministries (Eph. 4:11). We need all the ministries the LORD put into the body of Christ. But, more important, we need to be taught by God, not by men.

In the Old Covenant, the LORD God gave the Children of Israel “Moses” as a mediator between them and God. Moses was a type and shadow of Jesus, who was to come (Deu. 18:15-19). In the New Covenant it says in 1 Timothy 2:5,6, **“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.... Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”** It is God’s desire that we have a one-on-one personal relationship and fellowship with God in Christ Jesus, through the work of the Holy Spirit.

This is important for us to understand, for in 1 John 2:27 it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”** When it says **“...ye shall abide in him,”** it is talking about abiding in the Holy Spirit, Who is the anointing. In Isaiah 10:27 it was prophesied, **“And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.”**

It is the Holy Spirit teaching us by the anointing within us. This anointing is available to every born again Christian. As we continue in the Word and in prayer, the Holy Spirit teaches us from our spirit.

There are many ways the Holy Spirit uses to teach us, yet when the Holy Spirit is teaching us we know what we have received came from the Holy Spirit by checking it in the written Word of God.

One of the yokes of bondage that Christians get under is the teachings of men. Within the body of Christ there are a lot of people teaching from their mind and not from their spirit where God dwells. Just like Satan used Eve to get Adam to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he uses people in the body of Christ to teach things that are not of God in the New Covenant.

In Mark 11:12-14 Jesus was coming into Jerusalem from Bethany and saw a fig tree which had leaves on it but no fruit. Jesus cursed that fig tree and it died. The next day, Jesus’ disciples saw the fig tree had died, and mentioned it to Jesus. Then Jesus taught them to speak to the mountains in their lives and command them to move. Jesus said in Mark 11:23 **“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”** Today there are many religious people speaking against what Jesus taught. Some say, these things were only for the early Church, but not for today. There are all sorts of teachings against what Jesus taught, saying they are not for today.

In my own life, there was a time that I had a growth on my finger. It was there and growing for about two weeks. One day, I was praying in the Spirit, while driving down the road, and out of my spirit came these words, *“Why don’t you curse the roots on that growth and command it to die and fall off”?* I immediately cursed the roots in Jesus’ name and commanded them to die and the growth to fall off.

It seemed as though nothing happened when I prayed. The growth was still there. I couldn’t see any change. For weeks I continued to change the band-aid I had been putting on it to protect it.

One thing I noticed after a week or so, was that it wasn't getting any larger. It stayed about the same size.

About a month later, as I was changing the band-aid, the growth fell off. It came off with the band-aid when I removed it to put on a new one. The words I spoke that day while driving down the road caused the growth to die. It did fall off after about a month. There was not even a mark where it had been.

The Holy Spirit helped me overcome the growth on my finger using the example that Jesus used in Mark 11:12-24. When the Holy Spirit helps us, He does it in ways we know it is according to the written Word of God. When the Holy Spirit helps us in these ways, He is also teaching us how to overcome the works of the devil in our lives.

Throughout the years many new Bibles have been written. Many Christians are using these new Bibles, thinking they are the true Word of God. Not that they cannot use some of these Bibles, but we should know when changes are made in translations that do not agree with the original manuscripts which were written in Hebrew and Greek.

One day I was working on a job, paying attention to what I was doing, when all of a sudden there came from my spirit these words, "*Look up 1 John 5:7 in a certain Bible.*" In my mind, I thought, why look it up in a certain Bible, I always use the King James Version?

I kept on working, thinking that must not have been God, I must have imagined that. Then it came to me a second time. The same words came from my spirit "*Look up 1 John 5:7 in a certain Bible.*" This time, knowing it came from my spirit and I must prove all things (1 Thess 5:21), and try the spirits if they be of God (1 John 4:1), I stopped working and went and got that certain Bible to look up that verse.

That verse in 1 John 5:7 in the King James Version reads, "**For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**" Would you believe, that verse is not in that certain Bible? That verse is a part of the original Greek text, which the Holy Spirit inspired. No wonder it came from my spirit that day, "*Look up 1 John 5:7 in a certain Bible.*" The Holy Spirit wants us to know when there are errors in Bible translations. He doesn't want anyone to change anything that He inspired to be written.

I found that there are many verses left out of some of these newer Bibles; besides 1 John 5:7. There is Matthew 18:11, John 5:3,4, and Acts 8:37, one half of Romans 8:1, just to mention a few of the important ones. If the Holy Spirit would not show us these things, we would go on believing a lot of things that are not true.

Why is it so important that we know what the Holy Spirit inspired to be written in our Bibles? I knew in my spirit that it was not the will of God for men to change what was inspired originally.

Years later it came from my spirit, "*There are only three witnesses in the New Covenant.*" Why is this important to know? I was taken back to 1 John 5:8,9 where it says, "**And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water (hudor), and the blood: and these three agree in one.**" Here the Apostle John used the word "water" symbolically for "**the Word of God.**" On earth we have three witnesses, "**the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the Blood of Jesus.**"

Many Christians have been deceived by not understanding symbolic language. Many have not understood God's perfect number which is three (only three, not more and not less than three).

The Word of God, the Blood of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. These three were witnesses here on earth from the time Jesus came into this world, and are still the same witnesses we have today in the New Covenant.

Let us continue in 1 John 5:9 for the subject did not change but only clarified the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. It starts off in the King James Version saying, **“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater...”** (1 John 5:9). The words **“If we receive”** seem to be correctly translated. The Apostle John was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus who was a Jew. Thereby, John is referring to the Jews when he said, **“If we receive the witness of men...”** By the word **“we”** he is speaking of himself along with the Jews. By the Law of Moses, the Jews were required to have two or three witnesses of men to establish a truth. Therefore, referring to the Law, John now compares the Old Covenant to the New Covenant in this way, **“The Jews believed the witness of men in the Old Covenant, now they should believe the witness of God in the New Covenant.”**

Then the Apostle John makes it more clear by saying, **“the witness of God is greater.”** This is important to understand because the witness of men was only for the Old Covenant. The witness of God is for the New Covenant. Then verse nine continues by saying, **“for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.”** Now, the whole emphasis is upon the testimony of God’s Son. The whole New Covenant is based upon God’s Son (Who is, Jesus Christ), Who is also **“the Word of God”** manifest in the flesh (John 1:14).

Christians should understand according to the whole New Covenant, the main focus should be upon God’s Son (Jesus Christ), Who fulfilled the Old Covenant and became the mediator of the New and better Covenant (Matt. 5:17; 2 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6). The whole New Covenant is sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

In 1 John 5:10 it says, **“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself...”** This New Covenant is witnessed within every born again Christian. This witness is given to them by the Holy Spirit, from within them. Then following in 1 John 5:11 it says, **“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”** The word **“record”** means something that is written or recorded in some form. There are two ways this is recorded. One is that it is written in the spirit’s of those who are born again. The second is that it is written in the Scriptures. The Scriptures are a record of God’s Son (Jesus Christ). The Scriptures are called **“the Word of God”** for they are given as a record of what God has said and is saying to His people.

This should help us to understand that changing the Written Word of God is not of God. What God inspired to be written in the beginning should not be changed. If we continue in the written Word of God (as it was written), it will bear witness with the Holy Spirit and the Blood of Jesus. This should be very important in our lives here on earth.

Our relationship and fellowship with God is based upon the New Covenant, which is witnessed by the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the Blood of Jesus.

For more information on this subject get the books **“Taught by God,” “From My Spirit,”** and **“Three Witnesses,”** written by Merle E. Koepke.