

ASSIGNMENT 12 :1

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THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A MAN WITH PHD'S AND DEVOTED HIMSELF TO THE STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT AND IN BIBLICAL INTERPRATATION.

This man never claimed to follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour. The hindrance might be unbelieving and the preunderstanding that he is bringing to the text.

As Vanhoozer observes, pre- text baggage has the power to distort the way people understand the scriptures.

His approach to John 3:16 would be the same as any piece of ancient literature, focusing on its historically linguistic and structural significance. Excellent point.

He will be able to understand much of the bible sense of words, the rules of grammar and logic of the passage. The whole person is involved mind, body and emotion.

The spirit role in biblical interpretation will be minimal at the level of cognitive understanding.

The crucial part would be the understanding of the sacrifice by the father Himself. This part is often ignored even by the mature Christian as we all concentrate mostly as the only sacrifice made by Jesus Christ.

This part reminds us that Jesus was the express image of the father what happen to the son affects the father 100% as they are both from the same substance.

1st. Contextual Framing of this text; John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For an unbeliever may not take it as the word of Jesus or a direct quote per se. But may relate it to evangelistic by [the author of the gospel}.

He does stand condemned according to the following verse, John 3;18.

2nd For scholar or unbeliever: "For God so loved the world," may mean the manner of God's love, self-giving, self-sacrificial act rather than just intensity of God's love.

Unbelievers do not accept the things of the Spirit of God 1st Corinthians2:14 T he person without the spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but consider them foolishness and cannot understand them because they manly discerned through the Spirit. He will understand and reject it.

Thanks for examining John 3:16 more closely in the context of this assignment.

-At the end of it's all Jesus as the author and the finisher of our faith demand a transformative, trusting respond rather than a mere intellectual exercise . Because of the effects of sin it had affected the whole person including human mind it could have dulled even the discernment to the spiritual truth or perceive the spiritual truth.

As we know that the bible has the power and authority to shape his life cause the word comes from the Spirit God Himself. It will guide him to all the truth. Scripture and Holy spirit go together,

2] For the mature Christian:

THE WIFE OF THE PROFESSOR

The wife of the professor; As a believer who has the Holy spirit as a helper and a guider and a teacher will receive this message of core Christianity regarding how to receive eternal life and fully recognizing the sacrificial love that God has extended to the entire humanity giving them hope and promise of everlasting life which is a gift accessed only by the action of faith and trusting in Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour not by our works or by self-righteousness. She also must do the appropriate sacrificial act to herself.

Prayer is the most important part when reading the bible. She should invoke the Holy spirit to help her through the exegesis and careful work of the text.

The Holy Spirit does expect her to use her mind and proper interpretation method and study help her to do it accurately, diligently. And faithfully.

Scan also learn from other believers, bible dictionaries and commentaries this may help her also to dig deeper into the knowledge of both father and son's sacrifice which weighed more to the father as His Son was torn off from His bosom to save humanity.

She should not allow personal experience, religious tradition, or community consensus to stand above the Spirit filled inspired word of God.

Devotional reading sometimes focuses less on the word except for analysis details on more time listening to the Lord with your heart,

Since the Holy Spirit inspires illuminate, she should never expect Him to contradict Himself.

3- The Daughter

Who got born again while on the camp meeting, while she seems to be young at age of 9. The seed might have been planted by seeing how her mother lived her life as born-again Christian. She is expected to be filled with the Holy Spirit now that she has been convicted by the Holy Spirit to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

She would be in the better position in understanding this text of John 3:16 better than the professor as the Helper is on her side to illuminate and teach her during her journey with the Lord

Continuous nurturing of the newly found relationship with the Lord is imperative by the mature Christian or rather parent.

Devotional reading will encourage and teach her along the journey to be a mature Christian. Overall, the gist of the matter is to appropriate to herself the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus by dying on the cross for our sins unconditionally.

3 LECTIO DEVINA

Worship PSALM 100

The reflection and experience of psalm 100 through the Lectio Devina exercise, Lectio Devina is an ancient monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer designed to promote communion with God.

This practice is still the appropriate one to this day when one is praying. Though it can be distorted for the mere fact even new age movement use this technique so its best to be on the lookout for where we find ourselves being hypnotized or saying mantras that are not biblical.

There is also a biblical way of approaching this, Psalm as shown below. This exercise that prompts words and phrases the Holy spirit impresses that would cause meditation; prayer respond to invitation from the word of God.

1 – Reading the psalm this verse 4 captures one's mind -Enter His gates with thanksgiving in our hearts was the initial invitation as how to approach God's presence. This verse invites you to come as you are and worship with a humble and joyful expectant heart. This shows how to worship with joy despite the trials we face. This invitation also comes as a command of authority to all humanity. Hence Jews and gentiles alike

2- verse 3 of this psalm reminds us that His identity He is God our creator and He is the Shepherd of the flock which is the vulnerable humanity, and that there is nothing we can do on our own because HE created us and we are His sheep of His pasture. This verse also reminds us of the frailty of human nature as we are His sheep we must listen to his voice and respond appropriately to the invitation extended by God. He can lead us onto the path we need to take which is that of righteousness.

Having talked about God being our Shepherd we know that according to Psalm 23 He lays us besides still waters where we can rest and meditate on His word.

For the mere fact that we are His also taking full responsibility over my life and according to Jer;29-11 For I know the plans I have for you ” -this is the Lord 's-declaration -plans for your welfare, not for disaster, but to give you future and hope. He has a good plan for humanity
3-Contemplation or rest knowing that the Lord is good and his love endures forever.
He will never leave nor forsake you.

Whatever He has promised He is sure to deliver or to complete it. Ours is to believe and receive it. This is the part where rest is encouraged.

4-Pray and thank God for letting you to approach the throne of grace resting and communicating with you and what He is about to do in our life.

This requires our faith in exchange above all to wait for His timing as we are aware that his ways are high above ours.