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Session 42

Isa 42:9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things; We are experiencing God, who never changes, in new ways and our minds are being deconstructed and renewed by our encounters with Him

All this deconstruction and renewing can be disorientating
Sometimes I think I don't know what I believe anymore!
I do know who I believe Jesus The Way, The Truth and The Life
I have personal experience of The Truth and He has introduced me to my loving Heavenly Father

Anthony Carnasis:

This is my conclusion in the matter, I never understood until recently Paul's conclusion to 1 Corinthians 13 because knowledge was valuable to me until it was not.

I grew up reading Scriptures every day, I went to private Christian Academy, I went to Bible Schools, I belong to Hebrew Club, I belonged to organizations that were in the millions of members and councils of pastors and teachers. I dedicated myself to knowing my stuff, facts, figures, knowledge of things. I was consciously competent of the things I knew.

I disliked the mystics who didn't really have much to contribute in way of knowledge, they would, in my opinion, rely on confirmation bias and ignore context in favour of their views, usually involving forgiving, love, spiritual flightiness, I would think. They were unconsciously incompetent and when pressed were consciously incompetent that they did not know why they knew it. They were such a mess! I hate mystery, nothing with God is a mystery!

I married my wife and her family was a strict Jehovah Witness and because of this, I was told I could not pursue or teach what I was pursuing and teaching. I was forbidden for seven years. While I was away, I didn't study, I didn't read the Bible, but learned what love was and understood what love was not. I came to a conclusion in my soul, that no matter what my mind said, my heart would need to confirm: Was that from a place of love; if not, then it was not from God and that was when my knowledge disappeared.

Then I came back and I forgot where I knew all my knowledge, I just now know it. I became unconsciously competent of the things I knew and seriously found myself unable to defend views in an academic fashion with references and proper quotes. I could dismantle things and point to the truth of the matter and people would just simply tell me I was mystical and a mystic!

Oh my, I hate mystery! I am not a mystic! Yet, I looked back at those mystics I disliked so much and realized they were not unconsciously incompetent, they were on to something bigger than I understood at the time. They were absolutely unconsciously competent, I just didn't understand and it took seven years of silence, a literal sabbatical, to understand a bigger picture.

We can have all the facts and figures and knowledge of things, and they may be historically accurate, factually accurate, and contain a lot of knowledge; but, that doesn't mean it is true! The knowledge of the Truth supersedes all knowledge of things whether seen or unseen and regardless if you can prove that Moses declared that God required sacrifices to appease our sinful ways might be factually accurate and you have all the legal processes of how to do it and what needs to be done, that doesn't mean it's true!

You can have all the reasonable arguments which can be defended by facts and figures and quotes and references and make a tidy tight case...but that does not mean it was true! All the knowledge will pass away, it loses its value and is superseded by the knowledge of the Truth in Christ Jesus and in the presence of the God, Who is Love.

To this end, I am done. I am no longer the Student of the Word. I commend you on your knowledge, I appreciate your facts and figures; yet, if you have not love, it is nothing. Yet even once you have love, that knowledge you had doesn't mean anything. You enjoy learning and to study and get great inspirations; but if it doesn't line up to the median of Love, it doesn't matter.

That doesn't mean I don't respect your knowledge, or that I don't appreciate all the years of study you put into to getting it; if it is not with the plummet of God's righteousness, it has no worth and so to present it to me as the gospel truth, won't work. (In case of confusion, you were me.)

My goal is to expand my understanding and stretch my knowledge of things to see beyond the boundaries of academia and yes, this sounds reckless to those who value knowledge over the Truth, but there is a bigger picture of what is more important in this life and the life to come and that is the power of love and it's effect on each other, creation, and the universe!

I am truly blessed to be given a glimpse of God and it is the very message that His Son Jesus actually came to give and when we get over our core need to desire the knowledge of the facts, and in fact embrace the knowledge of the Truth, only then will we ever truly come into the understanding of what it means to be a Child of God. As His Child that means we are more than what we have been taught, more to what we perceived, and understanding the mysteries of His Creation and our part in it. From Love did we come and when He comes we shall see Him for Who He is, and just as He, so will we.

How did this happen.

I became a Mystic. -Anthony Carnasis

Eph 3:16-18 I desire for you to become intimately acquainted with the love of Christ on the deepest possible level; far beyond the reach of a mere academic, intellectual grasp. So that you may be filled with all the fullness of God! Awaken to the consciousness of his closeness! Separation is an illusion! Oneness was God's idea all along!

- **We also saw that our salvation includes redemption, reconciliation, adoption, righteousness, justification, and glorification and has already**

been completely accomplished through the full incarnation of Jesus, His life, death, resurrection and ascension for everyone

- Sadly most people don't yet know it

The Holy Spirit is integral in process of our being made alive, born from above, born of the Spirit and how we walk by faith

Rom 1:4 however, his powerful resurrection from the dead by the Holy Spirit, locates and confirms his being and sonship in God.

We saw that the Holy Spirit is integrally involved in every aspect of our salvation Holy Spirit is also involved with the day to day outworking of Jesus' faith in us by revealing the truth of who we are as sons of God

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

Psa 139:1 O Lord, You have searched me and known me. 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in *Sheol*, behold, You are there.

Psa 139:13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. 14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.

Psa 139:16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand.

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; 24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

- How are we going to connect with all these amazing truths?
- Through the Holy Spirit

- The work of the Spirit in our salvation is foundational and integral to our knowing God and ourselves because the Spirit will lead us to all truth and sparks the inspiration of the creative image of God within us.
- Holy Spirit is known as the helper *parakletos* who guides us into all truth

- Mankind has been born and reborn of the Spirit.
- Born or created in eternity and reborn at the resurrection out of death
- Holy Spirit is continually seeking to reveal Jesus in us convicting us of the difference between the sin DIY life and the righteousness life

- The Spirit did not just participate in our resurrection

John 14:16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,

because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Everything we need comes by revelation through the Spirit of truth

John 15:26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, Spirit of Truth will reveal the true reality of who God is and who we are as sons from within us

John 14:16 And I will agree with the Father to give you another close companion to be with you - in such an intimate way that my immediate presence will be fully perceived by you within the timeless zone of the ages!

- **Parakletos companion, helper, advocate**

Parakletos – properly, a legal advocate who makes the right judgment- call because he is close enough to the situation.

paráklētos ("advocate, advisor-helper") is the regular term in NT times of an attorney (lawyer) – i.e. someone giving evidence that stands up in court.

We receive the evidence, the truth to persuade us - faith

John 16:7 Now listen up! Hear me, my departure is not to disadvantage you; everything that is about to happen, brings conclusion and bears together what the prophets pointed to! This will be to your absolute advantage! If I do not go away, your Companion cannot come to you, but if I go I will send to you One to be face to face with you defining your very being

Companion - Parakletos *Para* and *kaleo*; redefining our original being in the closest possible association and kindred companionship; closer to you than your breath! Restore our original identity and image of sonship

John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

John 16:12 I have so much more to tell you but you would not be able to handle it now. 13 But when she is come, the Spirit of truth, she will take you by the hand and guide you into the path of all truth. She will not draw attention to herself but will communicate and unveil everything she hears and discerns from a heavenly perspective about the things that is about to happen within you.

Francois du Toit:

Our experience of his presence has its reference in our understanding of our oneness - we are not more one with him when we 'feel' whacked or get the goose bumps and less one with him when we feel nothing!

Our union is a constant because of his doing, we live and move and have our being in him, nowhere else; that's the truth, nothing defines us more than this light of life that shone into our hearts to give us understanding that we are in him who is true.

1 Cor 6:14 God reveals in dramatic fashion the value he places on the human body by our joint resurrection with Jesus from the dead.

1 Cor 6:17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

1 Cor 6:17 In our union with him we are one spirit with the Lord.

1 Cor 6:14 Faith sees us joined in his death and alive with him in his resurrection. It is plain for all to see that death lost its dominion over Christ in his resurrection; he need not ever die again to prove a further point

1 Cor 6:19 Do you not realize that your body by design is the sacred shrine of the spirit of God; he echoes God within you. Your body does not even belong to you in the first place.

1 Cor 6:20 You are bought and paid for, spirit, soul and body. All of you are his. Live your life conscious of the enormous price with which God has valued you. Your whole being belongs to him and exhibits him. You are his address; you are his real estate

John 14:19 After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. 20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

- When is "that day"?
- This is describing the day of resurrection

John 20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

John 20:19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

John 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit"

- On that day Jesus is resurrected, ascends to His Father and is enthroned and imparts the Holy Spirit
- The breathing on them to receive the Holy Spirit is comparable with God breathing into Adam so he would become a living soul/being
- From that resurrection day everyone has been born from above and made alive by the Spirit and the Spirit has been poured out on all flesh

What about Pentecost when Jesus said the Holy Spirit would be poured out and they would receive power from on high what did He mean?

Is receiving the Holy Spirit and being baptised in the Spirit the same or are they different?

Does the timing reflect different events or different aspects of the same event

- Spirit poured on all mankind
- Gift of the Holy Spirit
- Promise of the Holy Spirit
- Baptised with the Holy Spirit
- Filled with the Spirit
- Spirit flowing through us
- Spirit coming upon or on us
- Spirit poured into our hearts
- How do we relate to the Holy Spirit?
- When did the Spirit come into us?
- What about all the different events?
- What about the different terms?

Everyone has received the Holy Spirit because mankind has been made alive by the Spirit's presence in us

- The Holy Spirit is continually at work in everyone to make them aware of what has already occurred to the whole of mankind

Rev 3:20 is a description of the desire that God has to reveal Himself to us so we can know Him personally and know ourselves as His sons

My personal experience with the Holy Spirit was a revealing through various encounters

Baptised in love, a vision that released power through obedience

Many ongoing encounters that have deepened my relationship through first love

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Rom 5:1 Concluding then that our righteousness has absolutely nothing to do with our ability to keep moral laws but that it is the immediate result of what Jesus

accomplished on mankind's behalf, gives context to God's faith and finds expression in unhindered, face to face friendship with God! Jesus Christ is the head of this union!

Rom 5:2 Jesus is God's grace embrace of the entire human race. So here we are, standing tall in the joyful bliss of our redeemed innocence! We are God's dream come true! This was God's idea all along!

Rom 5:5 This kind of hope does not disappoint; the gift of the Holy Spirit completes our every expectation and ignites the love of God within us like an artesian well.

Titus 3:6 The Holy Spirit is the extravagant Administrator of the salvation of Jesus Christ; he gushes forth in our midst like an artesian well.

An artesian well is a well sunk through solid strata of sedimentary rock into strata from an area of a higher altitude than that of the well, so that there is sufficient pressure to force water to flow upwards.

- Jesus breathed on them to receive the Spirit who they already knew because He had been with them
- The rest of mankind needs a personal awakening to this truth
- Jesus also promised that there was more than the relational there was the functional – gifts power

Luke 24:49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:5 ... you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Act 2:16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 Even on My bondservants, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit and they shall prophesy.

Act 2:33 Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

- The different timings in John and Acts should not be used to create doctrines and theology about the Holy Spirit
- Receiving, Pentecost, Fillings, Gentiles, etc
- Jesus said of the work of the Spirit that “the wind would blow where it wills”

John 3:6 .that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 8 The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 1:33 Baptised in the Spirit and fire

Act 1:5 but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongue

Act 2:17 The Holy Spirit is poured out on all mankind at Pentecost

What about the occasions when people were filled and baptised by the Spirit

Was this the same event in 2 parts made alive by the Spirit and then baptised in the Spirit?

Those who already knew the Spirit received the Holy Spirit

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,

Eph 5:18 Be being filled with the Spirit

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Act 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.

Act 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized (in water) in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

- This indicates that they had an encounter with God that released realised God at work in them

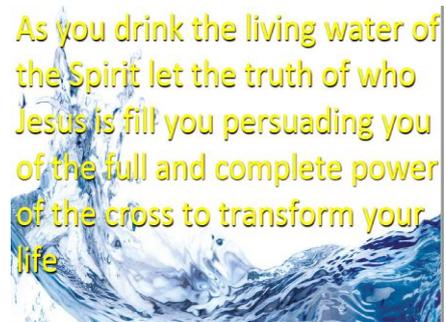
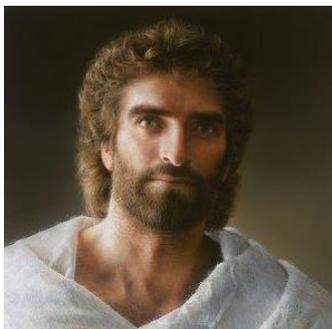
Has there has been only one Spirit event where we were made alive and born from above at the resurrection?

Are all the other expressions and experiences just revealing's of what had already occurred but in ways that express the function and purpose of what had already occurred?

- When mankind was made alive at the resurrection Jesus says that He and the Father would dwell and reside in everyone.

- This occurred on the resurrection day and Jesus promised them the out working of this would be with power as well as relationship
- When we realise what has already been accomplished there should be an experience that is like what happened to Cornelius and the Ephesians and Paul himself.
- This experience happens in many different ways but is the same thing where the spring becomes a river the power comes upon and flows from within us.
- **Let's encourage everyone to experience all that is available including gifts and fruit and power and life that flows from the Spirit who is in us.**
- **Let's give everyone the expectancy to believe for everything that the Spirit does in us and with us and through us to be their own experience.**
- **Let's see the abundance and fullness of our salvation become a testimony that is released over and over so that Jesus is revealed in everyone as He was to Paul**
- **Let's be continually filled and flowing relationally**

1 Cor 2:9 but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.



As you drink the living water of the Spirit let the truth of who Jesus is fill you persuading you of the full and complete power of the cross to transform your life

As you drink the living water of the Spirit let the truth of who you are as a son of God restore you to wholeness
Let that truth supercharge you powerfully from within
Let the vast sum of His thoughts renew your mind

Let the Spirit refresh and fill you with love joy and peace
Let the Spirit take the deep things of God and reveal them to you
Let the river of life flow deeply into the garden of your heart

