



“...Thy hand presses me greatly.” Psalm 38:26

The express job description of the Holy Spirit is given to us by John in his Gospel. “When He is come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.” (John 16:8). It doesn’t take long to know that the Christian’s heart is open to the Holy Spirit’s work of conviction of sin.

Without the Holy Spirit actively working in our hearts we would find ourselves once again in complete spiritual bankruptcy and darkness. He is tireless in the pursuit of conforming us into the image of Jesus.

Wisdom also teaches us the difference between the gentle prompting, teaching and conviction of the Holy Spirit, and the unrelenting railing, hatefulness and condemnation of the accuser of the brethren. One brings us hope and a way of escape; the other brings us certain hopelessness and binds us in a personal prison.

Learn to appropriate the Lord’s infinite patience as He continues the labour intensive job of our inward (soulish) transformation. Once we become Christians – that is, once we have said “yes” to the Lordship of Jesus Christ; His gentle yet relentless should comfort us – for He will finish the work He began in our hearts. (Philippians 1:7). This inward work, this inward pressure increases until the believer yields and says “yes.” The quicker you yield to the Spirit’s dealings, the sooner His internal pressure will ease and the liberty and joy of the Lord will be realized in your life.

If you are praying for a lost loved one, take courage. The same Holy Spirit, Who resides within you, Who is “hard pressing you greatly” to be conformed to the image of Jesus, is also capable of “hard pressing greatly” your loved ones. Don’t forget that this internal “hard pressing” of the Spirit is capable of placing far more pressure upon a lost and rebellious loved one to surrender to Jesus, then the world or the devil is able to pressure them with the allure of sin.

Pray on dear saint of God, for the Holy Spirit – the Greater One within – will surely finish His Divinely appointed tasks in your life and in the lives of those for whom you are praying! Therefore, pray on!

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