

Holy Spirit – Lesson 3 NOTES



Jesus' Teaching on the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-17 ¹⁶ *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

- Jesus just said He would ask and the Father would send “another” advocate (parakletos).
 - This implies that the disciples already have one. **What does that mean?**
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John 14:25-26 ²⁵ *“All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

- A few things we learn here.
 - The Paraclete is sent by the Father in the name of Jesus. - The Paraclete will teach the disciples all things.
 - The Paraclete will remind the disciples of what Jesus taught. - The Paraclete is spoken of in personal terms.
 - The Holy Spirit doesn't bring new revelations, but instead represents Jesus and makes Jesus' teaching clear. Just as Jesus represented the Father and made the father's teachings clear.
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John 15: 26-27 ²⁶ *“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.*

1. He will testify or witness concerning Jesus. – new info
 2. He is spoke of as a Person. – new info
- He will testify. This is similar to John 14:26 where the Spirit reminds the disciples of what Jesus taught.
- Luke 12:11b-12 ¹¹ *“When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”*
- John 15:27 reminds us that we must testify also of what we have learned from Christ.
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- **We've seen in John 15:26 that the Spirit is “whom” and “who” not “it’.**
- That's because the Holy Spirit is a person, a divine Being and not just some impersonal force or power.
- But there is solid Biblical evidence that proves that the Holy Spirit is a distinct person and performs functions we attribute to a person.

He appoints missionaries (Acts 13:2; 20:28) **He leads and directs workers in their ministry** (Acts 8:29; 10:19-20; 16:6-7) **He speaks through the prophets** (Acts 1:16; 1 Peter 1:11-12; 2 Peter 1:21)
He corrects (John 16:8) **He comforts** (Acts 9:31) **He helps us in our infirmities** (Romans 8:26)
He teaches (John 14:26; 1 Cor. 12:3) **He guides** (John 16:13) **He sanctifies** (Romans 15:16; 1 Corinthians 6:11) **He testifies of Christ** (John 15:26) **He glorifies Christ** (John 16:14)
He empowers (Romans 15:13) **He searches all things** (Romans 11:33-34; 1 Cor. 2:10-11)
He works according to his own will (1 Cor. 12:11) **He dwells with saints** (John 14:17)
He can be grieved (Eph. 4:30) **He can be resisted** (Acts 7:51) **He can be tested** (Acts 5:9)

Should we worship the Holy Spirit?

- **Is the Holy Spirit God?** Then if you worship Him you are worshipping the one true God.
 - But in John 14:14 in says ¹⁴ *You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.* So, it looks like it is ok to pray to Jesus.
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John 16:6-7 ⁶ *Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*

What is Jesus' reason for it being better that He go away?

John 14:12 ¹² *Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

• **Then after Jesus' resurrection he tells his disciples:**

Luke 24:29 ⁴⁹ *I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

Acts 1:8 ⁸ *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

John 16:8 ⁸ *When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:*

What does this tell us is one of the roles of the Holy Spirit?

- "prove the world to be in the wrong" ESV, NKJV "convict" RSV "convince" KJV "reprove"

Have you experience the Holy Spirit do this to you?

How does the Holy Spirit convict us?

1. **Through miracles.**
2. **Prophetic Words.**
3. **Preaching and Testimony.**
4. **Holy Living**
5. **Through instruction and prayer.** 2 Timothy 2:25-56 ²⁵ *Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.*

John 16:8-13 ⁸ *When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.*

- The Holy Spirit will prove the world wrong about:
 1. **Sin** – that they really are sinful and need to believe in Christ for salvation.
 2. **Righteousness** – by going to the Father, the Spirit can convict them that they indeed are not righteous on their own and need the righteousness of Christ.
 3. **Judgment** – the chief condemner (judge) of Christ has been condemned and so now the Spirit will convict those who were blinded by Him that we will face judgement for our sins.

¹² *"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*

The Spirit leads into relationship. Eph. 1:17 ¹⁷ *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*

- The Spirit reveals Christ and draws us into a deeper relationship with Him.

Ephesians 3:16-19 ¹⁶ *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

- The Spirit allows the Christian to have an intimate relationship with God.

Will the Holy Spirit be teaching us new doctrines today?

John 16:13-15 ¹³ *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."*

- Both Jesus and the Holy Spirit speak the Father's words to us so the Holy Spirit will teach what is consistent with what God the Father and Jesus have already taught.
- Be encouraged to call on the Holy Spirit who reminds, explains and guides us to accurately understand the Father's words.
- **Homework?** *How has the Holy Spirit worked in you in the past? How about in the last week? How has he spoken, guided and convicted you? How did you respond? Did you grieve, resist Him? Did you submit and obey?*

*Majority of Material taken from "Disciple's Guide to the Holy Spirit" by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson.