

# **The Gift of the Holy Spirit**

## **Adult Bible Class, 10-23-2022**

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#### **Introduction:**

Wednesday Nights — Studying 2nd half of the Gospel of John, the last two Wednesday nights we have looked at John 14-16 where Jesus promises to send us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*"And 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 behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you."*

John 14:16-17 (NASB77)

*"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."*

John 14:26 (NASB77)

*"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 bear witness of Me, and you will bear witness also, because you have been with Me from the beginning."*

John 15:26-27 (NASB77)

*"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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. He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you."*

John 16:7-15 (NASB77)

#### **The Work of the Holy Spirit According to Jesus**

##### **I. He will be With Us, and Dwell IN Us! (Jn. 14:16-17)**

The Holy Spirit is with us and will dwell in us.

Jesus calls Him the Paraclete = the Helper, Comforter, Counselor, Advocate, and Friend.

Leon Morris writes,

*It is impossible to find one English word that will cover all that the Paraclete does. We must content ourselves with a term which stresses a limited aspect or aspects, or else use such a term as "Paraclete".*

— Leon Morris, pg. 666

We have this immeasurable portion of God that is given to us to dwell with us, and be in us always.

*"...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Matt. 28:20 (NASB)

*"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."*

John 14:18-19 (NASB)

##### **II. He Will Teach Us ALL Things! (Jn. 16:14-15)**

The Holy Spirit will teach them all things...

*"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things..."*

John 14:26 (NKJV)

When we need spiritual training, we can count on the Holy Spirit to teach us!

This happens through the church and through God's word—both instruments of the Holy Spirit!

- Think of the Holy Spirit as your on-board GPS navigational unit and the Bible as the road map!
- We need the Holy Spirit to help us to understand what we are reading in the word and what we are hearing from the pastor and Sunday school teacher at church.

##### **III. He Will Remind Us of All That Jesus Said! (Jn. 14:26)**

John 14:26 says...

*"...and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."*

John 14:26 (NKJV)

The Holy Spirit is that small, quiet voice reminding us of all that Jesus said and taught. Especially at times when we need to be reminded.

#### **IV. He Will Testify of Jesus! (Jn. 15:26)**

This one is pretty special. Jesus says, in Jn. 15:26...

*"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."*

John 15:26 (NKJV)

When we are struggling with doubts, or we need to be affirmed of the love of Jesus, of His mercy and grace, the Holy Spirit will come to us and testify!

*Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness.*

*Surely my soul remembers and is bowed down within me.*

*This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope.*

*The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail.*

*They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*

*"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."*

*The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him.*

*It is good that he waits silently For the salvation of the Lord.*

Lam 3:19-26 (NASB)

#### **V. He Will Convict the World of Sin, Righteousness, and Judgement! (Jn. 16:8-11)**

Here we have the only place in scripture where the Holy Spirit is spoken of as performing a work in "the World". The many other references describe the work the Spirit does in the lives of Believers or for Believers.

Look at what Jesus says...

*And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

John 16:8-11 (NKJV)

The Counselor truly works in a legal manner as our defendant. He turns the tables on the accuser and the accuser becomes the accused. As Leon Morris writes, "Apart from the Holy Spirit, men would not really know the truth about sin or righteousness or judgement." This is the work of **Prevenient Grace!**

We see a powerful scriptural example of this in Acts 2:37-39 where it says...

*Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" 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. 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."*

Acts 2:37-39 (NASB)

Without the Holy Spirit, we—as well as the whole world—would be hopelessly and helplessly eternally lost in sin and damnation. But because of the work of the Holy Spirit we are moved to seek the remedy for our sin!

#### **VI. He Will Guide Us Into All Truth! (Jn. 16:13)**

How we need to know truth in this dark and wicked age! We are like Pilate, on the day they crucified Jesus, when he turned to Jesus and said, "Truth. What is Truth?" (Jn. 18:38).

According to the world, truth is relative. Billy Joel, "I don't care what you say anymore, this is my life." The world has gone after their own truths, and they are many, and it is more difficult than ever to know **THE Truth!**

Look at what John 16:13 says...

*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

John 16:13 (NKJV)

Without the Holy Spirit we cannot know the truth! It is the Holy Spirit that "will guide us into all truth!"

Remember how Jesus started chapter 14...

*Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."*

John 14:6 (NASB77)

Finally...

#### **VII. He Will Glorify Jesus! (Jn. 16:14-15)**

The last of the 7 great ministries of the Holy Spirit that Jesus teaches His disciples is that The Holy Spirit will Glorify Jesus!

This is the greatest of the ministries of the Holy Spirit. Look at what Jesus says in vs. 14-15...

*He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*

John 16:14-15 (NKJV)

Notice how many of these ministries of the Holy Spirit point to Jesus or to His Words? Perhaps it is because Jesus' words are the power of His Glory!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the **truth**, and the life!" (Jn. 14:6) The Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth! Therefore, if we will follow the Holy Spirit, wherever we go, Jesus will be there!