

Center For Christian Living
Week 2
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LWFC Noon Bible Study
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John 14:16-17; 26-27

What We Already Should Know:

Holy Spirit is God—Acts 5:34

Holy Spirit is Omniscient—1 Corinthians 2:10

Holy Spirit is Omnipresent—Psalm 139

Holy Spirit is Omnipotent—Romans 6:10-11

Observe:

1. We see that Jesus makes a request to the Father on our behalf, Jesus asks for the “Helper”
2. Holy Spirit we would receive forever
3. Holy Spirit has an unchangeably true nature
4. Those who are NOT connected to Christ do not have access to the “Helper”
5. Those who ARE connected to Christ experience a relationship not just assistance.
6. The presence of the God is the essence of peace
7. Indwelling is the foundational ministry of the Spirit, from the indwelling comes teaching/guiding, spiritual gifts, etc.

Interpretation:

Helper- The one called alongside “Gk: parakletos”

Other- Another of the same kind

“The Father is going to give you another of the same kind”

Indwelling- Metaphorical term used to depict the grand truth that we have the most profound intimacy as humanly possible with God. The Spirit of God is so deeply connected with our being that we are one with God. The very Spirit of Jesus moves in our life drawing us into intimacy with the Father.

I. The World Will Reject the Spirit, Believers Know the Spirit

1. The world neither acknowledges or knows Christ
2. The disciples would know the Spirit because they walked with Jesus
 - A. They had an intimate relationship with Jesus; we too must walk with God today
 - B. Only recognizing the Holy Spirit as Comforter or is a limited view of ministry of the Spirit.

II. The Primary Work of the Spirit is Life Giver

1. At conversion we have new life through the indwelling
 - A. The Spirit begins new life and continues forever with the Spirit drawing us into intimacy with the Father
 - B. This unity will be fulfilled once we are free from the flesh, like Jesus. We are will be able fully experience the gift of eternal life and intimacy Father because of the Spirit
 - C. This new life of being guided by the Spirit draws us into constant conflict with the flesh
 - Outward demonstration of indwelling looks like faithful obedience
 - Temptation challenges our obedience and deny self in a similar manner to Christ that produces holiness
 - Submitting to the Spirit of God in the midst of temptation pulls us closer to the Father

2. The flesh and the law are unable to give spiritual life
 - A. The law or our flesh can't bring us to God unto salvation
 - B. The law can't control sin nor enable us to overcome the temptation of the flesh
 - C. The law/scriptures only can point us in the direction of God it cannot take us to him
 - D. Only the Spirit can deliver us from temptation

Application Questions:

Holy Spirit as the Teacher—

- How does the Holy Spirit who doesn't audibly speak to us, teach us?
- How can we be certain when the Spirit is speaking to us?
- How do we recognize the voice of God?
- What exactly is the Spirit teaching?
- What do we do with that information?

Holy Spirit as the Guide—

- To where or to whom is He guiding us?
- What does it look like to be guided by the Spirit look like?

Holy Spirit as Helper—

- What hope do we have to overcome our rebellious and independent desires?