

#2-The Ministry Of The Holy Spirit

John 14:15-17, 26

Introduction: Who is your best friend? I can't just name one. I have many that I would consider my best friends. Personal friends, ministry friends, and even recreational friends... all are important to me but the best friend I have on this earth is the Holy Spirit.

The best friend that you have on this earth is the Holy Spirit who is Christ in the Christian.

Don't forget that the Holy Spirit is a Person. When you speak of me, you don't use an impersonal pronoun. You don't say, "It preached." You say, "He preached."

My hope in this message is to help you to **know** the Holy Spirit, to **love** the Holy Spirit, to **trust** the Holy Spirit, and to **believe** the Holy Spirit who lives in your heart.

In John 14:16-17, Jesus said.... See Bible text

The One Who was dwelling with them was the One who would be in them. Who is that? Jesus. The Holy Spirit is Christ in the Christian.

John 14:26 says... See Bible text...Jesus walked with them, talked with them, fellowshiped with them, guided them, and instructed them. He said, "I'm going away but I'm sending another to take my place, to walk with you, to talk with you, to guide you, to instruct you, to be in you and with you."

• **The Holy Spirit's MISSION is to "reprove" (convict) the World:**

1-Of sin, because they believe not on me;

2-Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

3-Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:7-11 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, **he will reprove the world** of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

• **The Holy Spirit's MINISTRY to Christians is to:**

Teach/ Seal/Indwell/Comfort/Guide/Empower/Bring To Remembrance/ /Help Us Pray

1. TO TEACH US

- A. John 16:13 **"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."**
- B. 1 Cor. 2:9-14 **"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."**

2. TO SEAL US

- A. The ministry of the Holy Spirit does not cease after you and I get saved. The first thing He does when you give your heart to Jesus is seal you into the body of Christ.
- B. Ephesians 1:13 says concerning Him, **"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."**
- C. The Bible says in the book of Esther, **"...seal it with the king's ring: for the writing...may no man reverse"** (Esther 8:8). The seal was a stamp of ownership and a finished transaction. When you get saved, you are signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit of God.
- D. I love what Paul said in II Tim. 2:19, **"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His"**. God puts a mark on us. We belong to Him.

3. TO INDWELL US

- A. Not only does the Holy Spirit of God seal us into the body of Christ, but then, He comes to indwell our bodies. He comes to live in us.
- B. In I Cor. 6:19-20, Paul is almost amazed that the people didn't know this. He says, ***"What, Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."***
- C. People sometimes think that the church auditorium is the sanctuary. The church is not the sanctuary. Of course, we ought not to misuse the church building because it's dedicated to God. But, sometimes people have an idea that God dwells in temples made with hands.
- D. Do you want to know what the temple is? It is you, your body. You are the temple of the Holy Spirit of God. You are not your own. You have been bought with the priceless blood of Jesus Christ. You're to glorify God in your body and in your spirit.

4. TO COMFORT US

- A. Once the Holy Spirit seals you and indwells you, He then comforts and walks with you through life. And, when you have a heartache, a tear, or a sorrow, He gives you comfort that no one else can give you.
- B. In John 14:16-17, Jesus said, ***"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever."***
- C. The Greek word for Comforter is **"paraclete"**. It means somebody who is standing alongside of you to help you, to comfort you.
- D. Have you ever felt that comfort? I've been to the graveside many times. I've been in the hospital room many times. I've been in situations where people's lives have been crushed and I've seen the Holy Spirit of God do what no psychologist, no counselor, no good friend can do. He gives supernatural comfort.

5. TO GUIDE US

- A. The Holy Spirit also guides and directs you. You're not to be like a ship without a rudder on a dark and stormy night. No! The Holy Spirit is to guide you.
- B. Jn. 16:13 says, ***"Howbeit, when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come."***

- C. You don't have to be living in darkness, stumbling in darkness. You can be wading in the light as the Holy Spirit of God opens your understanding, guides you, teaches you, instructs you, and leads you through this world.

6. TO EMPOWER US

- A. Acts 1:8 says, ***"...ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me..."*** Thank God for the power of His Spirit to energize us to do so many things.

7. TO HELP US PRAY

- A. What else does the Holy Spirit do? He helps us to pray. He is the Spirit of prayer and intercession. Rom. 8:26 ***"...for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."***