

“A Most Incredible Counselor”
“Know What You Believe” Part 11
John 14:15-16

“We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.”

“The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
is the center of history—the most important moment of all time!”
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Question: How could what happened in this one man, Jesus Christ, in that historical moment, have a significance that transcends space and time?

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”
John 14:1-3

“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.” John 14:20-21

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.”
John 14:15-17

God's gospel is applied by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

• The Holy Spirit is a divine person of the Godhead.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

Matthew 28:19

To God's elect... who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ...Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 1 Peter 1:1-2

• Power is one of the primary characteristics associated with the Holy Spirit.

Evidence in the Old Testament:

⇒ Activity in creation (Genesis 1:2).

- ⇒ Coming upon a person in power (Judges 14:6).
- ⇒ Active in the revelation of God's Word (Ezekiel 2:2).
- ⇒ Empowering craftsmanship (Ezekiel 31:3-5).
- ⇒ Empowering administration (Deuteronomy 34:9).
- ⇒ The Prophets looked forward to a time when the ministry of the Spirit would be more complete (Ezekiel 36:26-27 and Joel 2:28-29).

Evidence in the New Testament:

- ⇒ Jesus conception (Luke 1:35).
- ⇒ At Jesus' baptism (Luke 4:14).
- ⇒ Jesus announced Himself as one anointed by the Spirit (Luke 4:17-21).
- ⇒ Jesus drove out demons by the Spirit (Matthew 12:28).
- ⇒ Spirit power raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 1:4).
- ⇒ Believers promised the Spirit's power (Acts 1:8).

2. What does the Holy Spirit do?

The Holy Spirit glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ.

"When the Counselor 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."

John 15:26

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all 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. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

John 16:13-15

3. How does the Holy Spirit glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in the believer's life?

⇒ **The Spirit indwells the believer.**

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

Romans 8:9

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

⇒ **The Spirit illuminates the believer.**

We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us... The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:12 and 14

⇒ **The Spirit guides the believer.**

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Galatians 5:16

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Acts 13:2

⇒ **The Spirit equips and empowers the believer for Christ-like living and service.**

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Personal reflection: How aware are you of the Holy Spirit in your life? If one of the primary characteristics of the Holy Spirit is power, what is the evidence of His power in your life? What one thing would you notice most quickly if the Holy Spirit were not in your life?