

Holy Spirit  
Message 7: **God at Work in Us**  
John 14:17  
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**John 14:17** *That is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because **He** abides with you and **will be in you**.

Jesus is preparing His closest disciples, His apostles, for His soon departure.

**John 14:18** I will not leave you as **orphans**; I will come to you.

He assures them, He will not leave them “comfortless” (KJV).

The English word used here, comfortless, is the Greek word > **orphanos** > from which we get our word orphan.

It means obscure and dark: the orphan is often little esteemed and neglected and thus forced, as it were, to wander in obscurity and darkness.

In essence, Jesus was saying to them and to us, “I will not leave you alone to wander in obscurity and darkness.”

He was leaving them, momentarily, to accomplish something much greater, not just for them, but for all who would come to trust, believe in, and know Him.

**John 14:23** If anyone loves **Me**, he will keep My word; **and My Father** will love him, and **We will come to** him and **make Our abode with him**.

**Isn't this amazing?**

The Triune God makes His home within us through the Holy Spirit.

Through Christ, our relationship with God transcends all other relationships.

God's presence “in us” means

- He knows us beyond how anyone else knows us (even better than our self)

He can intercede for us before God when we can't properly articulate our needs, and/or when we don't even know our need(s).

- He is ever-present with us
- Our body is His temple

**1 Cor. 6:19** **Your body is a temple** of the Holy Spirit who is in you (Paul).

The Holy Spirit has been given to us and placed in us for a purpose. Part of that purpose is His ministry within us.

# ***The Holy Spirit's Work in Us***

## **He's Our Helper**

**John 14:16**

I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may be with you forever.

Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "**another**" helper, which means one of equal equality with Himself.

A **helper** or comforter is (in the Greek) a 'paraklētos' who is an intercessor or an advocate; one that helps through comforting, encouraging, and exhorting.

As an intercessor, the Holy Spirit conveys our needs to God.

As an advocate, the Holy Spirit comforts us with assurance; encourages us in our discouragements and prompts us to move when it's time to take action.

## **He's Our Teacher**

**John 14:26**

He will **teach you** all things and **bring to your remembrance** all that I said to you.

**John 15:26**

He will **testify** about Me.

**John 16:13**

He will **guide** you **into all** the **truth**; whatever He hears, **He will speak**; and He will **disclose** to you what is to come.

The Holy Spirit is our teacher concerning Christ. God is literally our instructor.

The Holy Spirit is our spiritual compass or guide. Paul, in his letter to the church at Rome, stated that, to follow the Holy Spirit leads to Life and Peace.

Man doesn't know what real life and peace really are; therefore, he can't possibly know the way to life and peace. In the same way, the world doesn't know.

The work of the Holy Spirit within us is to teach, remind, and guide us in the way of truth which works to give us life and peace.

## **He is a Producer of Righteousness**

This life of peace is one filled with the pure riches from above

**Galatians 5:22-23**

The **fruit** of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**; against such things there is no law.

These qualities are the result God's work in us through the Holy Spirit.

There is no law, no condemnation, against these things. In other words, the work of the Holy Spirit in us, is the production of the righteousness of God.

**Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, (21) equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.