

Questions For God

Part 3: Who is the Holy Spirit and What Does He Do?

Objective: To help us understand that God's Spirit is available to us if we will surrender and He will help us live lives of holiness in Jesus.

Read together:

"If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:15-17

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26

it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment...

John 16:7-8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...

Acts 1:8

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

- When you think of the Holy Spirit, what ideas come to your mind? Where did you get (or where do you think you got) most of your ideas about the Holy Spirit?
- The word we translate 'Advocate' or 'Comforter' literally means, 'one who comes beside and helps.' How does it make you feel to realize that God has provided someone to come along and help you?
- Jesus said it was to our advantage that he went away so he could send the 'Holy Spirit'. How do you feel when you think of the fact that, through the Holy Spirit, you have God's presence with you regardless of where you are or what you are going through?
- Among other things, the Holy Spirit 1.) *Teaches us truth*, 2.) *Comforts us in difficulty*, 3.) *Convicts us of sin* and 4.) *Empowers us for life in Christ*. Of those four, which is the one you need most right now? Which one is the toughest for you?

Final Thought: Ultimately, it's not about us having more of the Holy Spirit, but about us surrendering more of ourselves to the Holy Spirit. This week, spend some time in prayer seeking to be more fully surrendered. You maybe be surprised by what happens.

