

**Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions:
Life in the Spirit - The Person of the Holy Spirit
(John 14:16-17 & Selected Scriptures)**

Jesus said it would be better for us for the Holy Spirit to come than for Jesus to remain on earth. Yet the Holy Spirit is often the most neglected person of the Trinity in church services and daily life. We need to learn about and worship not only the Father and the Son, but also the Holy Spirit.

If the Holy Spirit withdrew from your church what would be different? If the Holy Spirit withdrew from your life what would be different? Would you/we even notice?

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit, though often referred to as a thing, actually is a person. The Spirit is a member of the Trinity equal in omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence to God the Father and Jesus the Son. Yet, he is unique in role and characteristics.

Why do you think people tend to erase or neglect the Holy Spirit?

How is the Spirit like wind and fire?

What reasons did Jesus give for saying it would be better to send the Holy Spirit in His place?

2. The Person of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible describes The Spirit as someone who has emotions, who acts, who has intellect, and a will. Some examples that identify Him as a person and not a thing:

A. He can be lied to: Acts 5:3

B. He can be grieved: Eph 4:30

C. He can be insulted: Heb 10:29

D. He speaks and leads: Acts 8:29

C. Ultimately He empowers

3. The invitation to indwell.

Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will be a helper with us forever (John 14:15), and Paul then later reminds the early church that they are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19) taking Him with them wherever they go.

How have you seen evidence of Jesus' teaching being fulfilled in your own experience of the Holy Spirit?

How do you experience and interact with the Holy Spirit on a day-to-day basis in your Christian walk? How does knowing we are sent with the presence of the Holy Spirit give us cause for courage and confidence as we are sent into our everyday lives?