

HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART

John 14:15-31

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John 14:15 speaks of a personal love relationship with Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the “Spirit of Christ” (Rom. 8:9). In John 16:7, Jesus would say, “*It is to your advantage that I go away...*” because of the ministry of His Spirit in believers. Question: Are you fully appropriating what He wants to do for you by His Spirit?

I. Christ’s Spirit gives us... PERSONAL HELP (14:16-17).

- A. He is Our Helper (16)
 - 1. Para + Cletos, One called alongside to help
 - 2. Ways He helps...
- B. He is Our Guide (17)

II. Christ’s Spirit gives us... PERSONAL CONNECTION (14:18-24).

- A. The Need (18-19)
- B. The Union (20)
- C. The Privilege (21)
- D. The Exclusiveness (22-24)

III. Christ’s Spirit gives us... PERSONAL COMMUNICATION (14:25-26).

- A. Primary Meaning—The Apostles will be enabled by Christ to write the New Testament.
- B. Secondary Application—The Holy Spirit, our Teacher, helps us understand and recall Scripture.

IV. Christ’s Spirit gives us... PERSONAL CALM (14:27-31).

- A. Divine Peace (27a)
- B. Distinctive Peace (27b)
- C. Definitive Peace (27c)
- D. Dauntless Peace (28-31)

The Spirit of Jesus is unseen (1 Peter 1:8) But, how real is His work in your life?

FOR NEXT TIME—Read John 15:1-11, *Abiding in the True Vine*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2023

1. What are some of the misunderstandings people have about the Holy Spirit?
2. How much are you as a believer conscious on a daily basis that the Holy Spirit indwells you?
3. Of which blessings of the Holy Spirit are you most in need currently? Personal *Help* (John 14:16-16)? Personal *Connection* (14:18-23)? Personal *Communication* (14:25-26)? Personal *Calm* (14:27-32)?
4. Read John 14:16-17. The Holy Spirit indwells believers as “*One called alongside to help.*” This could be comfort, counsel, conviction, or encouragement. How do you need His ministry right here, right now?
5. Read John 14:23. What are you doing to keep your personal connection with God close?
6. Read John 14:27. How do these truths help your personal peace and calm?