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Jesus Promises the *Spirit of TRUTH*

“ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – 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 14:16-17 (NIV)

“ When the Advocate 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. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”

JOHN 15:26-27 (NIV)

“ I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the 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 glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.”

JOHN 16:12-14 (NIV)

The Problem of Truth Today

“ I believe we are experiencing the Death of Truth.

Rev. Steve Steele

” **POST TRUTH: Oxford Dictionary Word of the Year for 2016:**
“Circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.”

Today’s Popular Ideal: _____.

This is Why We Need the Spirit of Truth: *With us, In Us and Upon Us*

1 The Spirit of Truth is _____ (*after us*) as the agent of _____.

Theological Concept: _____.

“ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.’”

JOHN 3:5-6 (NIV)

The Hound of Heaven: by Francis Thompson

“ I fled Him, down the nights and down the days. I fled him down the arches of the years. I fled Him down the labyrinth ways of my own mind, and through the tears I hid from Him...

But with unhurried chase and unperturbed pace – He came after me.”

“ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior”

TITUS 3:3-6 (NIV)

2 The Spirit of Truth is _____ and guides us to the power of God's Word.

Theological Concept: _____ .

“ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”

EZEKIEL 36:26-27 (NIV)

Illumination: /i,loom'nāSH(ə)n/

“ The process by which God's Holy Spirit enables us to understand His word and apply it to our lives.”

“ 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 14:17 (NIV)

God's Spirit Inspired His Word:

“ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

2 TIMOTHY 3:16 (NIV)

God's Spirit Brings His Word to Life In Us:

“ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,”

~ EPHESIANS 1:17-18

“ Be good to your servant while I live, that I may obey your word. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”

~ PSALM 119:17-18

“ These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.”

~ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-12

3 The Spirit of Truth comes _____ (*fill us*) to be a Blessing to Others.

Theological Concept: _____ .

“ For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.”

ISAIAH 44:3 (NIV)

“ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

ACTS 4:31b (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1- If you are a group, play a quick game of two truths and a lie. Is that easy or difficult?
- 2- Do you agree or disagree with the quote from Steve Steele that we are experiencing the death of truth? Why or why not?
- 3- Why do you believe it is important that Jesus identifies the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth so many times in John 14-16?
- 4- This week's message says the Spirit of Truth is pursuing us to bring about our salvation (regeneration), In us to bring His Word to life in us (illumination) and upon us to help us be a blessing to others (Ministry).

Which of these three have you experienced in your life? When and how?

Can you think of a time when you would say that the Holy Spirit "pursued" you?

Which of these three do you need the most in 2023? Which Scriptures from this weeks message stand out to you as meaningful or important?

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