

The Spirit Life Session 3 – *The Spirit's Work as my Indwelling Comforter*

I. Review

A. Session 1 – Another Comforter

Comforter – (Parakletos) – one called alongside to urge, beseech, coach, plead, pray, or train. Pictures one who has come closely alongside of another for the sake of speaking to him, consoling him, coaching him, comforting him, or assisting him with instruction, counsel, or advice. *In ancient times used to depict military leaders who came alongside their troops to urge, exhort, plead with them to stand tall and face their battles bravely.*

B. Session 2 – Being Led by the Holy Spirit

1. **He will guide you – The Holy Spirit is our Guide.**
2. **Guide** = to lead on one's way – to give guidance to
One who will lead you in a clear path
One who will give you clear direction
3. **The Holy Spirit has the insight needed for every circumstance of life.**
4. **Romans 8:14 (NKJV)** – *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*
5. **We need to practice being led – become developed in hearing His voice and following His lead.**

II. The Holy Spirit Comforts us

A. Comfort in our English Language vs Comfort in Bible Language

1. Webster Definition – To give strength, hope or cheer – to console.
To give aid and assistance

2. Bible Definition – Comforter is a personal term – The Holy Spirit is called Comforter – One called alongside to URGE, BESEECH, COACH, PLEAD, PRAY OR TRAIN. Pictures one who has come closely alongside of another person for the sake of speaking to him, consoling him, coaching him, comforting him, or assisting him with INSTRUCTION, COUNSEL, or ADVICE.

B. The Holy Spirit is called to Indwell Believers.

1. **Indwell – to be permanently present. Dwelling or Residing within**
 - a. The Holy Spirit does not come and go.
 - b. He permanently resides in the life of the believer.

John 14:17 (NKJV) – *the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you*

This passage reveals the experiential work and the residential work of the Holy Spirit.

Many Spirits filled people are strong in the experiential work of the Spirit but have little understanding about his residential work for their life.

- c. His presence must not be based upon emotion/feeling.
- d. His presence is within me by faith!

Galatians 3:2 (NKJV) – *This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*

- e. He indwells the believer at the new birth – salvation experience.

2. The Disciples are born-again.

John 20:22 (NKJV) – *And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.*

a. Breathed – The same word used in Genesis 2:7

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV) – *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

- b. Just as Adam received the breath of God and became a living soul, the disciples received the Holy Spirit when Jesus breathed upon them.
- c. The Holy Spirit moved inside of the disciples and became a permanent indweller, and in that moment, they were born again.
- d. They would later experience the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in Acts Chapter 2. *We will deal with this separate experience in a separate session.*

3. The Holy Spirit is our Partner for Life.

a. He is residing in you this very moment.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NKJV) – *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?*

b. What kind of home are you making for the Holy Spirit?

C. The Holy Spirit is the Indwelling Comforter.

1. Remember the meaning of “Comforter”

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comforting him, or assisting him with INSTRUCTION, COUNSEL, or ADVICE

2. Four times Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as Comforter

John 14:16 (KJV) – *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you forever.*

John 14:26 (KJV) – *But the **Comforter**, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

John 15:26 (KJV) – *But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*

John 16:7 (KJV) – *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*

3. The #1 Job of the Holy Spirit is to serves as COMFORTER in your life.

a. While residing inside of you, He is to come alongside you, at all times – speaking words of direction, correction, encouragement, counsel, instruction, and advice.

b. He is your personal life coach.

Life Coach = A person who counsels or encourages clients in matters regarding their career or personal challenges.

He helps them make progress in their lives by clarifying goals, identifying obstacles that are holding them back while introducing strategies for overcoming these barriers.

c. As a coach He –

Interacts with His students

Is a Personal Trainer

He Encourages His Students

He Counsels His Students

He Teaches us what to do / all the issues of our lives.

- d. As His apprentices, we are to do whatever our coach tells us to do.
- e. The only way that His coaching will be a blessing in our lives is if we listen to Him and obey what He says.