

**The Spirit Life**  
**Session 1 – The Holy Spirit – Another Comforter**

**I. Introduction**

- A.** Pastor's personal testimony
- B.** One of the most significant differences in the old testament saints and the new testament saints is the function of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
  - 1. The Holy Spirit only worked through specific individuals in the Old Testament, moving upon them at various times for a specific purpose.
  - 2. The Holy Spirit takes up residence the New Testament Saints thus becoming partners with us to assist us as needed daily.

**II. The Significance of the Holy Spirit**

**A. Facts and Jesus and the Holy Spirit**

- 1. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 1:18,20; Luke 1:35)
- 2. Jesus' conception in Mary's womb was confirmed by Elisabeth when she was filled with the Holy Spirit when she heard Mary's greeting.  
(Luke 1:41-45)
- 3. The Holy Spirit moved upon Simeon and Anna at the dedication of Jesus in the Temple. (Luke 2:25-38)
- 4. Jesus spoke of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and commanded his disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they had received this special endowment of power. (Luke 24:49 – Acts 1:4,5)

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5. Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit when baptized by John in the Jordan River. (Matt 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, John 1:32)
6. Jesus was given the fullness of the Spirit without measure. (Jn 3:34)
7. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit. (Matt 4:1, Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1)
8. Jesus returned from the wilderness in the power of the Spirit. (Luke 4:14).
9. Jesus warned against blaspheming the Holy Spirit. (Matt 12:31,32; Mark 3:28-29, Luke 12:10).
10. Jesus taught extensively about the work and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. (Matt 10:20, Mark 13:11, Luke 11:13, 12:12, John 7:39, 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:7-15).
11. Jesus proclaimed that we must be born again by the Spirit. (John 3:5-8)
12. Jesus was resurrected by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:11)
13. Jesus' disciples received the Holy Spirit when He breathed upon them after His resurrection. (John 20:22)
14. After Jesus was exalted to the right hand of the Father, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the church on the Day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4)

### B. The Holy Spirit our Comforter

#### John 14:16-18

<sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another Comforter**, that he may abide with you forever.

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<sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

<sup>18</sup> I will not leave you **comfortless**: I will come to you.

**1. Comfortless** – (orphanos): children left without a father or mother: used in a broader sense to describe students who felt abandoned, deserted, forsaken, or discarded by their teachers. *Could depict one who feels deprived.*

#### **2. Another Comforter**

**a. Another – (allos)** another of the same kind; identical; just like the other.

**b. 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.*

#### **c. Why Another Comforter?**

*Jesus had just had a conversation with His disciples about his departure. He was reminding them that He was leaving and going back to the Father. The disciples had grown dependent upon the physical presence of Jesus. They could not comprehend how they could continue without his presence. HIS DECLARATION of sending another comforter was to encourage them – THEY WOULD NOT be alone like orphans. They would have ANOTHER COMFORTER:*

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**d. Rick Renner:**

*When Jesus finished his earthly ministry, He prayed to the Father to send the Holy Spirit. He is exactly like Jesus in every way, and Jesus called Him our comforter, which means, He has been called to walk alongside us all through life – to urge, to beseech, to lead, to pray, to coach, and to train us.*

**3. We Need an Awareness of this Comforter (The Holy Spirit) in our lives.**

**a.** My personal knowledge of the Holy Spirit when I got saved.

*I believed His only major function today was to bring people to salvation.*

**b.** The Holy Spirit indwells and works alongside of me to assure victory in this life. *He does not just prepare me for eternity, He works in the remainder of my earthly life.*

**c.** He is called to be with us!

- When you are in despair
- When things are going well
- When things are not going well
- When you go to bed
- When you wake in the morning
- All throughout your day

**d.** He is with us.

- When you pray/ when you do not pray
- When you behave maturely/ when you do not behave so well
- When you go to work, church, the store, school, etc.

**e.** He Convicts us of sin as well as convinces of the righteousness of God.

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#### **John 16:8 NKJ V**

<sup>8</sup>And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

#### **Pastor's Notes:**

*He convicts the world of Sin – true righteousness – and judgement.*

*He will convince believers of their true righteousness in Jesus.*

*He will convict believers of sin to lead them to repentance, but always while reminding them of their righteousness established in Jesus. This conviction brings no condemnation.*

- f. Acknowledging the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life is just like acknowledging Jesus.**

#### **John 14:9 NKJV**

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'.

#### **Pastor's Notes:**

*Jesus made this statement just prior to speaking about, "Another Comforter". Jesus – worked just like the Father.*

*When the Holy Spirit comes – He will work just like me, (Jesus).*

*Christians would never ignore Jesus if He were present with them in bodily form. They do ignore the presence of the Holy Spirit. The #1 reason people do not esteem the presence of the Holy Spirit in their life is because of a lack of understanding Him.*

- They see him in a secondary role  
*Not to be esteemed like the Father or the Son.*
- They do not know what His role is for their life.
- They do not know how to partake of His function in a daily practical manner.

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