



Abiding in the Spirit
John 14:15-18; 23-27

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In the Deep South, we are keenly aware of the amazing power of the wind. We cannot see the wind, but we are grateful for its gentle breeze on a hot summer day. On other occasions, we greatly respect the fierce violence of the wind when dark clouds come rolling in.

Likewise, we cannot see the Holy Spirit of God, but He is as real as the wind. We see the results of His power all around us (Jn. 3:8). As Jesus began preparing His followers for His coming departure, He taught them about the important role of the Spirit in their lives.

In our text, Jesus taught His followers that His Spirit would abide with them and dwell in them.

Main Thought...

➔ As followers of Christ, we have a divine _____ who abides with us and dwells in us.

1. The Spirit is the third _____ of God (v. 16a).

"another" (Greek: *allos*) - another of like kind (not *heteros*)

Gen. 1:26a; Mt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14

2. The Spirit is the helper _____ by God (v. 15-17, 25-26).

Jer. 17:9; 31:31, 33; Ezek. 36:26-27; Jn. 7:37-39 (see back)

3. The Spirit is the indwelling _____ of God (v. 18, 27).

- We receive Him when we are _____ by God's grace.
- We are filled with Him when we _____ to God's will.

Jn. 3:3-8; 2 Cor. 6:19; 12:13; 1 Thess. 5:19, 22; Eph. 4:30; 5:18b

Final Thoughts...

➔ Have you put your _____ in Christ and received His Spirit?

➔ Are you _____ with the Spirit by submission to Christ?

10 Works of the Holy Spirit in a Believer's Life

He is "Our Helper" . . .

1. He _____ us truth (Jn. 14:126; 16:13).
2. He _____ us of sin (Jn. 16:7-8).
3. He _____ us of salvation (Rm. 8:16; Eph. 4:30).
4. He _____ us power over sin (Rom. 8:13; 1 Jn. 4:4).
5. He _____ us in our prayers (Rm. 8:26).
6. He _____ us to witness (Lk. 12:11-12; Acts 1:8).
7. He _____ us to love others (Rom. 5:5).
8. He _____ us spiritual gifts (1 Pt. 4:10).
9. He _____ us in our sorrows (2 Cor. 1:3-4).
10. He _____ us to ministry (Acts 20:28).

The chief purpose of the Holy Spirit is not to make a man happy, but to make him holy (R.A. Torrey).

The Spirit is the agent who makes effective in the believer what Christ has accomplished (Leon Morris).

The Spirit-filled life is simply a life wholly yielded to God (Andrew Murray).

Being filled with the Spirit is living in submission to the Spirit's control (John MacArthur).

We need to be filled with the Spirit again and again . . . because we leak (D.L. Moody).