

Life With The Spirit

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I. Introduction

A. Review: Life in the Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

- 1. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity and a relationship with Him is a vital part of the Christian life.**
- 2. The Holy Spirit desires to live in us, with us and through us.**
- 3. Life in the Spirit is a life of freedom, peace, and fellowship.**

B. Introduction: Life with the Spirit

John 3:5-8 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. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

John 14:15-18 "If you love me, keep my commands. 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. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 14:15 "If you love me, keep my commands."

- 1. We do not work to receive the Holy Spirit in our lives, but we must welcome the Holy Spirit in our lives.**

- My sin hinders God's Spirit.

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- 2. We experience the love of God, the Father, the grace of Jesus, the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.**

- God gives us all we need to accomplish His will for our lives.

II. Life with the Spirit

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

A. *The Holy Spirit is God, just like Jesus was.*

1. **The Holy Spirit brings the presence of Jesus to the followers of Jesus.**

2. **Parakeltos - A person summoned to one's aid**

- a) The Holy Spirit is our comforter, counselor, helper, guide, and advocate.
- b) The Holy Spirit is our advocate and not our assistant.

John 14:16-17 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.

John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

B. *The Holy Spirit teaches and reminds the believer of God's truth.*

1. **The Spirit brings Truth**

- a) You will not hear unless you are listening.

John 15:26 “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.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- b) Testifying about Jesus is the purpose of the life of the believer.
- c) It is natural for the truth to come out of us when the truth is within us.

John 14:17 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 16:7-11 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

2. The Spirit brings Conviction

John 16:8 (NLT) And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

- a) Conviction can be a painful and dreadful thing.
 - 1. Failure to believe is the beginning of sin.
 - 2. Right living is found in being right with God.
 - 3. A coming judgment is a thing of certainty.
 - 4. It is far better to be convicted now than to be condemned later.
- b) Conviction leads to conversion.
- c) Conviction is a gift that leads to life.

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C. The Holy Spirit is the presence of Jesus with us.

1. Earthly abandonment is no match for God's presence.

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John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

2. When we open up our lives to the Spirit, life will flow in and through us.