

Our Comforter

- 1. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.” This is what the Lord Jesus told His disciples before He ascended to heaven, telling them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit.**

- . And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me (Acts 1:4 ESV)
- . But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8 ESV)

- 2. Some people misunderstand that the Holy Spirit is a special power. Once you have it, you can perform miracles and speak in tongues.**

- . And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4 ESV)
- . Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed. Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!” (Acts 8:13-20 ESV)

- 3. In fact, the Holy Spirit is one of the Trinity. When the Lord was on earth, He Himself introduced the Holy Spirit to us and told us about His works.**

- . But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.” (Acts 5:3-4 ESV)

- 4. When we are baptised, it is specifically mentioned that we are baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We belong to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19 ESV)

- 5. When the Lord knew that He was going to leave this world and return to the Father, He specifically said that the Holy Spirit would come and be our ready helper.**

. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever (John 14:16 ESV)

- 6. When the Lord was on earth, He was by the side of the disciples, accompanying them and protecting them. When the Lord was about to leave the world, the disciples were sorrowful. However, the Lord comforted them and said that He would ask the Father, and the Father would give us another helper, the "Comforter." Unlike the Lord, the Holy Spirit did not come in flesh and blood. Therefore, the world cannot see Him like how they saw the Lord when He was on earth. Instead, the Holy Spirit lives in believers' hearts and never leaves.**

. Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. (John 14:17 ESV)

- 7. Since God is one, when the Holy Spirit comes, the Lord and the Father also come and live in our hearts.**

. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. (John 14:18-20 ESV)

- 8. He is called the Spirit of truth, and He is to lead us into the truth. He will help us to understand the truth and remember God's words.**

. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (John 14:26 ESV)

. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (John 16:13 ESV)

9. When we read the Bible, He will give us revelation and enlightenment. That's why, before we believed in the Lord, when we read the Bible, we might not understand it or find it too deep and boring. It's different after we believe in the Lord: we enjoy reading it.

- . That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him. (Ephesians 1:17 ESV)

10. When the Holy Spirit comes, He is eager to make us know the Father and enjoy the Father's affection. The Holy Spirit also guides us to come to the Lord and enjoy the love of the Beloved.

- . For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (Romans 8:15–16 ESV)

11. The Holy Spirit helps brothers and sisters to love one another and keep the unity of church. He does everything for our benefit.

- . Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:3 ESV)
- . For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.
(1 Corinthians 12:13 ESV)

12. The Holy Spirit will remind us and teach us how to live our lives. With His gentle reminders, He helps us not to go astray.

- . But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything—and is true and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him. (1 John 2:27 ESV)

13. If we disobey God's commandments, say bad words, or do bad things, the Holy Spirit will grieve for us. He will pray for us so that we can be revived and restored.

- . Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let

all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:25–32 ESV)

14. When we preach the gospel and do the Lord's work, He will strengthen us and give us various gifts and utterances. He will also work in those we are helping and move their hearts.

- . And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. (1 Corinthians 2:13 ESV)
- . All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apports to each one individually as he wills. (1 Corinthians 12:11 ESV)
- . And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:8 ESV)

15. The Bible doesn't teach us and give us examples of praying to the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we only pray to the Father and the Lord, and They will work in our hearts and strengthen us through the Holy Spirit.

- . That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being. (Ephesians 3:16 ESV)

16. Now beware of the devil, who pretends to be an angel of light to confuse us. Some may be filled with evil spirits instead of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the Bible also specifically reminds us how to discern them.

- . And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. (2 Corinthians 11:14 ESV)
- . Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. (1 John 4:1–3 ESV)

17. From the fruit of the Holy Spirit, we know the character and the beauty a person should have when he is filled with the Holy Spirit. It is not just the outward behaviours. Our love, joy, peace, goodness, gentleness, and self-control show that we have a good relationship with God and a healthy spirit.

- . But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22–23 ESV)

18. The more we obey God's commandments, the more we will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and the more we will enjoy God's presence.

- . And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him. (Acts 5:32 ESV)