

# GOD WITH US

*His People. His Dwelling Place.*

## The Holy Spirit - Dr Craig Galloway

Dr Craig reminded us on Sunday of **who the Holy Spirit is** and **how the Holy Spirit can empower us** to live in obedience to what God is calling us to. He explores 3 aspects of the Holy Spirit: the person and role, the works, and the gifts. How do these three relate to us?

### 1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- Our Helper, Advocate and Counsellor (*John 14:16; 15:26*)
- The Spirit of Truth (*John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13*)
- Teaches us and brings to our remembrance (*John 14:16*)
- Bears witness about Jesus (*John 15:26*)
- Convicts the world of sin and righteousness (*Joh 16:8-11*)
- Guides us into all truth (*John 16:13*)
- Takes what is Jesus' and declares it to us (*John 16:14-15*)

Each of these can be studied individually. Together they give us the big picture of who the Holy Spirit is and the role He plays in our lives.

### 2. Works of the Holy Spirit

*And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Cor 3:18*

Once we are saved, there is a **process of transformation** that takes place. It is the Holy Spirit who plays that role of transforming us every day to look more like Jesus. It is a surrendered heart that allows the Holy Spirit to work in you. If we continue to humble ourselves we will continue to see our lives transformed.

The Holy Spirit also **empowers us for service**. He fills us with the power and wisdom we need to carry out God's work on earth. It takes a humble heart to allow the Spirit to work through you. One of the ways He works through us is through the gifts of the Spirit.

### 3. Gifts of the Spirit

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Pet 4:10*

This scripture implies that every one of us has been given gifts, and we should use them to serve others for God's glory. There is a call on each believer to use their God-given abilities to **minister and serve** the people around them: friends, family, and coworkers. When we operate in these gifts through serving others it brings the kingdom of Heaven down to earth, and people **encounter the glory of God**.

## Reflection:

1. Take a moment to be still, and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you, reminding you of who He is and how He wants to be involved in your life. Do you need Him to be a counselor or guide, or something else for you right now? Is there an area of your heart you need to surrender for Him

to transform?

2. What gifts has God given you to steward? How can you use the gifts God has given you to serve someone this week?