

- Gerig, "This life involves having the entire Trinity living within by means of the Person of the Holy Spirit of God. We must realize this, we must believe it, and then we must act like it" ... **Box recap** ... What the Spirit does positionally in Christ, He then works out progressively in us and through us (positional sanctification and progressive sanctification) ... You can see this within Paul's words to the Corinthian church – **1Cor3:16-17; 6:11-20** ... Live out who you are, and who God is causing you to be through His Spirit ... This transpires as we rest in the finished work of Christ, and live from this position as the Spirit enables and empowers us ... We're not passive recipients, but active participants ... Peter says: **2Pe1:3**, **God's divine power has given us everything we need to grow and live the life He calls us to live** ... So, again, what the Spirit does positionally in Christ, He then works out progressively in us and through us

Counselor / Advocate – 14:16-17

- The word used to describe the Holy Spirit – **parakletos** – is a legal term, **one who is called to another's side and defense** ... The word **another** means **of the same kind** ... Jesus tells His disciples, and us, that the Father will send Someone like Jesus to stand with us and to walk with us; One who is of the same character as Jesus; One who will defend us, teach us, lead us, strengthen us, and equip us ... What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is our Advocate
 - Think of a lawyer (counselor), what is their purpose: to fight for their client; to prove someone is innocent or guilty ... They stand before the judge and they make their case ... John uses this word in **1Jo2:1**, speaking of **Jesus as our Advocate with the Father** ... Jesus, who is our human representative, is before the Father as our Advocate ... His presence speaks of His completed work on our behalf and the Father's acceptance of this work, so that, when He sees Jesus, He sees you and I standing before Him as sons and daughters who are perfect, righteous and holy ... When we mess up, Jesus pleads our case before the Father and He pours into us His mercy and grace, every time
 - The Holy Spirit connects us to this reality by making it evident in our lives ... The Spirit Himself intercedes for us, too: **Rom8:26-27** ... He is an Advocate who comes to our defense with truth: **Rom8:14-17** ... He is the Spirit of Truth, which is not always popular nor easy to accept ... His Truth cannot be manipulated or overturned; we can challenge it, but we will always lose in the end ... The Spirit will never steer you wrong, lie to you or cheat you ... Rather, He will always fight for you; He will always defend you against the enemy and demonic powers; He will always lead you into what is true and right, according to the truth of Scripture
 - Remember, **you are God's temple and the Spirit of God lives in you** ... He remains with us and in us ... He does not pack up His bags and leave when the going gets tough; He endures with us, no matter how rocky or muddy the terrain gets ... Thus, this promise of God stands true – **I will never leave you, nor forsake you** ... **1Jo4:13**, therefore, **2:24-27** ... To **remain** is to **abide** – **Jo15:5** ... We don't allow anyone, including us, to lead us astray from the truth of Him who lives in us – no other gospel than what has already been recorded

Teacher – 14:26

- What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is our Teacher ... How did Jesus teach His disciples – He taught them, He modeled for them what He taught, He exposed their faults and weaknesses, and then guided them into truth ... The disciples did not understand everything, nor did they get everything correct; and the same will be true for us ... God cares more about our faith and simple obedience than how many times we fail at doing something ... God does not call us to be perfect; He calls us to be faithful – when being faithful does not make sense, and when it seems hard
 - How does the Holy Spirit teach us ... 1) He reveals the truth of Scripture to us ... When we read our Bibles, we should be doing so by starting off with a simple prayer – Holy Spirit, teach me to understand what I am reading, and may it be applied to my faith and life ... There are times that we can read the Bible wrong – we can't open it to any passage and then determine for ourselves what the passage means to us today

- Each book has been written with a purpose, each has a specific audience and context, each written by an author according to his style, each fits into a certain genre, and each book fits into the overall theme of the Bible – the redemption of God’s people through Jesus Christ ... If we miss these, we miss the point of what we are reading, and thus misapply what is being taught ... Who’s the author and the audience, what is the context, how does it fit into the overall theme of the chapter, book, and the rest of Scripture ... **Fee p25-26** ... Without the Holy Spirit’s help in reading Scripture, you will never properly understand Scripture
- 2) He reminds us of the truth ... We will come into situations where we need encouragement and the Holy Spirit is present to do this very thing ... He will bring to mind scriptures we have read, teachings we have heard, conversations we have had, and in doing so, He will encourage us and strengthen us and guide us in the direction we are to go ... He will cause us to remember that which we have forgotten; and He will press into us the things which we should never forget ... In conversations with other people, He will bring to mind things we should say, and not say; things that will encourage and edify those He has brought to us
- 3) He speaks to us ... I refuse to believe in a God who does not speak to His children ... A god that does not speak, is a god that is dead ... However, we serve and follow a God who is eternally alive; therefore, a God who lives is a God who speaks ... He does not give us “new revelation” as in more to add to the Bible ... He does, however, speak to us about what He has written and how to rightly apply what He’s said – this He does through the Holy Spirit ... Sometimes we have trouble hearing God, but this doesn’t mean that He doesn’t speak nor that He doesn’t speak to you ... Turn up the volume by turning down the noises – doubt, distractions, devil
- 4) He convicts us and the world ... **Tenney**, “The Spirit does not merely accuse men of sin, He brings to them an inescapable sense of guilt so that they realize their shame and helplessness before God” ... 2Cor6:12 – just because you can does not mean that you should ... 2Cor6:19-20 ... The Spirit’s conviction is good and beneficial, causing us to grow in maturity and deeper in relationship (2T3:16-17, Ti2:11-13) ... The conviction of the Spirit always leads us to the cross of Jesus and His finished work of salvation
- 5) He testifies to Jesus and glorifies Jesus ... And we, through Him, do the same as we go about our day