**Jesus’ Teachings About the Holy Spirit**

**The Holy Spirit series #8 Handout**

Thus far in our series on the Holy Spirit we’ve looked at some of the Spirit’s work in the Old Testament, His work in the life of John the Baptist, and His work in Jesus’ ministry. Today, we will consider the direct teaching of Jesus Christ regarding the Holy Spirit.

**John 14:15-25 NIV**

**15“If you love me, keep my commands. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17the 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[**[**c**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26686c)**] in you.**

The word Jesus used to reference the Holy Spirit in Greek is basically paraclete. A paraclete is one who stands beside and calls. The image is of a defense attorney who makes the right judgments because he is close enough to the situation to know. The important takeaway from these verses is that the Holy Spirit is God helping humans to know and discern truth and to give them power to live as pleases God. The Holy Spirit helps believers with supernatural wisdom and discernment.

**John 14:18I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”**

The Holy Spirit is part of God’s plan so that believers are never abandoned. Moreover, through the Holy Spirit our spirit is in union with God in a way that gives us supernatural access to the whole Trinity.

**John 14:22Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”**

**23Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25“All this I have spoken while still with you. 26But 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. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

Jesus told the disciples what to expect, but they wouldn’t get it until later when the Holy Spirit both reminded them of the teachings of Christ and taught them even more spiritual truths. So we discover that the Holy Spirit is our teacher, our advocate, our comfort and help, and the One who will lead us into greater understanding.

There is no true peace in the world, only seasons of the absence of conflict and chaos. But through Christ, by the Holy Spirit we have a peace that conflict cannot breach. That is because the Spirit of Peace, God’s Holy Spirit lives and rules our hearts because through Jesus Christ we have been forgiven, redeemed, justified, sanctified, restored, and been reconciled to God. The Holy Spirit is our guarantee of salvation and is the evidence of our adoption in Christ.

**John 15:26-27 NIV**

**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. 27And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.**

Jesus told the disciples to share all that they’d seen and heard while they were with Him. And while you and I did not live during Jesus’ earthly ministry, we still, as believers, have much to tell the world. In fact, we are not just witnesses of God’s goodness, we are living evidence of God at work through the Holy Spirit.

**John 16:7-15 NIV**

**7But 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. 8When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.**

The Holy Spirit’s ministry involves:

Proving the world wrong about sin.

Proving that Christ is the only way to righteousness.

Proving that sin will be judged and met with eternal wrath.

**John 16:12“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.14He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”**

Jesus knew that without the Holy Spirit, the disciples wouldn’t be able to grasp all that was going to happen. However, when the Holy Spirit came, they would be enlightened and given ability to understand heavenly truths.

The Holy Spirit also:

Teaches us by guiding us into all truth. This means that He also helps us discern lies and deceit.

Bears witness to what the Father and the Son say, particularly about things to come. The Holy Spirit gifts some believers with prophetic gifts. This also means that the Holy Spirit gifts some believers with deep knowledge and spiritual understanding so that they can discern God’s will and act in the correct ways at the proper times.

Glorifies Christ by giving believers spiritual gifts and spiritual leadership roles. The Holy Spirit also augments the witness of believers by performing miracles. Everything the Holy Spirit does will magnify Christ and equip believers in Christ to be faithful and effective.