

# “The Gospel of John: The Role of The Holy Spirit”

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## Scripture

### John 14:16-26

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“**I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.** After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

“**He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me;** and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?”

“Jesus answered and said to him, “**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;** and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and **make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words;** and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.”

“These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. “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 said to you.**”

## Last Week

We looked at what loving God means

A practical test to Jesus’s statement, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments”

How did you do with that test last week?

Do you love God? With all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind?

## This Week

We look at the Holy Spirit

He is the One that ENABLES us to keep God’s commandments

So many people try to live that Christian life on their own

Pride is common among the world and even within believers

“I can do it, MYSELF!”

Peter, at the end of John 13 was told that Jesus was going away

What was his response?

## John 13:37-38

"Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You." Jesus answered, "**Will you lay down your life for Me?** Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times."

How'd that work out for Peter?

Not very good -> He was crushed at his failure to live out his commitment to Jesus

So much so, when the Lord told him to go wait in Galilee for Him (**Matthew 28:10**), he led a revolt among the disciples (**John 21:3**)

Remember when James and John got their mother to ask Jesus about a preferred place in the Kingdom?

## Matthew 20:20-22

"Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him. And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left."

But Jesus answered, "**You do not know what you are asking.** Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to Him, "We are able."

Jesus tells them they have no idea about giving up their life for Him and the true cost of discipleship

"Ahhh, Pride" -> it does go before a fall

The disciples could not handle it on their own

Nor can we handle it on our own

What do we need?

## You Need a Helper

A Helper -> someone to walk with us on this journey in life

## John 14:16-17

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Jesus knew they needed assistance

As we talked about last week, you cannot obey Jesus's commandments without assistance

That assistance comes in part from the Great Assistant-> The Holy Spirit

Translators used the Greek word *paraklétos* here to describe the Holy Spirit

A paraclete was one that "came to one's aid"

The KJV uses the word Comforter here, but it has the same meaning

The Holy Spirit comes, Jesus says, "that He may be with you forever"

“whom the world cannot receive, because **it does not see Him or know Him**, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.”

The Holy Spirit does not come to everyone

**Only for those who Jesus asks the Father to send Him**

**Acts 10:40-41,44** (Peter spoke after hearing from the Lord that some Gentiles will be in the kingdom)

“God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, **not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God**, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead...while Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.”

Jesus says “whom the world cannot receive”

**In general, the world cannot and will not receive Jesus -> they will reject Him**

Remember when Simon the sorcerer tried to buy the Holy Spirit? -> **Acts 8:9-25** -> Peter responded:

““May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!”

The world doesn't see Him or know Him

**The Holy Spirit is a person, not a force -> Jesus uses Him and He**

The disciples know Him because He will be in them -> this occurred at Pentecost along with a rushing wind

The Old Testament -> the Spirit came upon someone, and they acted with the Spirit

The promise of the Old Testament was that the Spirit would live inside God's people

**Ezekiel 36:27**

“**I will put My Spirit within you** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”

If you love Me, Jesus said, “you will obey My commandments” in **John 14:15**

We can only do that with the Helper -> The Spirit

Not only is the Holy Spirit assist our Helper

He also assures future glory

**He Will Assure Your Future Glory**

**John 14:18-20**

“**I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.** After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

Jesus already told them that He would come back for them (John 14:3)

Jesus will not leave the disciples as orphans -> without a Father

He assures the disciples, again, that they will see Him

Jesus says, "**Because I live**, you will live also"

Jesus promises eternal life to the disciples -> when He is resurrected, it will be proof that they will be also

He has told them and the Jews that repeatedly

Holy Spirit inside of you means eternal life is in you now

### John 6:40

"For this is the will of My Father, that **everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.**"

Jesus said, "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you"

In what day?

The day that Jesus is resurrected -> proof arrives for them to be confident

Not only does the Spirit assure future glory

He will also guide you each day into sanctification

### He Will Enable You to Follow Jesus

#### John 14:21-22

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We covered this last week in detail

Our obedience to Jesus's commands shows our love for Him

If you live completely apart from what the Bible says, it shows you do not love Him

The Holy Spirit enables us to love Jesus

#### 1 John 4:15-19

"**Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.** We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. **God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.**

By this, love is perfected with us, **so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment;** because as He is, so also are we in this world. **There is no fear in love;** but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. **We love, because He first loved us."**

Confession of Jesus as Lord reveals that God lives within you

God abides in us -> The Holy Spirit is God

If you have love for God, there is no fear for the time of judgment

In short, we have the ability to love because God loved us first and sent us the Holy Spirit

“Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?”

It's a good question from Judas

**Why won't Jesus disclose Himself to everyone?**

He will only disclose Himself to the one that the Father draws to Him -> **John 6:44**

Some have been granted knowledge of the Kingdom

**Mark 4:10-12** (When the disciples ask why Jesus speaks in parables)

“As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, began asking Him about the parables. And He was saying to them, "**To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables.**”

Those chosen will get this disclosure through the Holy Spirit

He will continue to reside within you to change you

**He Will Live Within You**

**John 14:23-24**

“Jesus answered and said to him, "**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.**”

Jesus again states that love for Him results in obedience to His Word

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time He has mentioned this in John 14

**He is pressing this point because He wants them to understand the Spirit's role**

Jesus says that both the Father and Himself will “make Our abode with” the believer

**Here you have the great New Testament proof of the Trinity -> all three members are involved in the believer**

“the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me”

**This is the Father's will: that those He has given to Jesus will love Him deeply**

They are the Gift, the Chosen, and the Beloved of God

He assures your future glory; He enables you to follow Jesus's commandments; He lives within you

Lastly, He will be your teacher:

**He Will Teach You and Cause You to Remember**

**John 14:25-26**

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Jesus has taught the disciples many things over the past three years of ministry

The Holy Spirit will be their personal instructor

He is the One that brings all things together for us

**That you will understand the Bible**

That you will understand how to handle difficult situations in life

“He will teach you all things”

The pastor may provide guidance

The preacher may encourage you to change your life

But the Holy Spirit is the internal teacher

He will also “bring to remembrance” all that Jesus said

**How many times have you been in a situation where you remember a Bible verse you haven't read in ages?**

This is the work of the Spirit in you

Countless times I have been having discussions when a verse will come to mind

Welcome to the Spirit working inside you

The Holy Spirit is not some mystical force

So, the Spirit's work in us:

- He assures your future glory
- He enables you to follow Jesus's commandments
- He lives within you
- He is your personal Teacher

He was the guide to the disciples

He is our guide as well

**May we let Him guide us -> every day**

**Prayer**

**Responsive Reading**

**Benediction**