



Sermon Series: John - The Word of Life - Part 47

Message: "The Holy Spirit"

Text: John 14:15-31

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- ★ John's purpose for writing was to connect people to Jesus! (John 20:30-31)
- ★ John was writing to Jewish Christians being kicked out of their synagogues (John 9:22)

The Holy Spirit - *The most ignored person of the Trinity?*

John 14:15-18

- (v16) The Holy Spirit is another advocate (Ephesians 1:13-14)
 - The Holy Spirit is our Helper (Romans 8:26)
 - The Holy Spirit is our Comfort (John 14:27)
- (v16) "forever" [Greek = *eis ton aiona*] beyond the age; into eternity!
- (v17) "the world" = people living in rebellion against God
- (v17) The Holy Spirit can be known!
- (v17) The Holy Spirit was in Jesus (Luke 3:21-23)
- (v17) The Holy Spirit first entered into Jesus followers in Acts 2

Galatians 5:22-25 - The Fruit of the Spirit

- (v22-23) love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
- (v25) live by the Spirit; keep in step with the Spirit

John 14:19-31

- (v20) believers are in Jesus, and He is in believers
- (v23) Jesus and the Father will make their home "with them"
- (v26) "in the name" = The Holy Spirit is sent *representing* Jesus (He's another advocate)
- (v27) "peace" = The Holy Spirit (Philippians 4:7)
- (v28-29) This is fulfilled in Acts 1 & 2 (and John 20:19-23 [same day])
- (v30) "the prince of this world" = Satan
 - Satan and the spiritual forces of wickedness didn't know that Jesus planned to conquer death (1 Corinthians 2:8)
- (v31) Jesus is obedient to the Father's will (John 3:16-17)
 - Therefore we are called to be obedient to Jesus out of our love for Him (John 14:15)

- Going Deeper -

For individual or small group study

1. Would you agree that the Holy Spirit is the most ignored Person of the Trinity in general and/or for you personally? Why or why not?
2. **WATCH “Holy Spirit” by Bible Project** on YouTube or www.bibleproject.com.
3. **READ 1 Corinthians 2:6-16.** What does this passage teach us about the Holy Spirit? How do believers have “the mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:10).
4. **READ Romans 8:1-17.** What does this passage teach us about the Holy Spirit?
5. **READ Galatians 5:13-26.** Paul lists some acts of the flesh and fruits of the Spirit and says that they are in conflict with one another. Look at the acts of the flesh and note what fruit(s) of the Spirit would be their opposite. Now look at the fruits of the Spirit and talk about why each of these are all individually important to God on their own. Which of these come natural to you? Which of these do you struggle with and why?
6. **READ John 14:17-18, 26-27 and Galatians 5:22-23.** How do these verses help us better understand Philippians 4:5-7?

Recommended Resources

- *NIV Faithlife Illustrated Study Bible*, christianbook.com, <https://bit.ly/3kxieXw>
- “Overview: John 13-21” by Bible Project, search on YouTube