



“Work of the Holy Spirit” (John 16:1-15)

The conversation continues with Jesus and his disciples the day before He was to be taken. At this point, Jesus begins to see the strong emotions and struggle the disciples in the room are having in understanding all this information. Jesus continues to build and re-emphasizes what He shared previously from the Promised Holy Spirit (John 14) to the Work of the Holy Spirit (John 16).

There are times when we receive news that disturbs us - just how the disciples were feeling in today's passage. However, for those who have made that commitment to follow Christ, there is a “Helper” (Jn15:26) in life, who is found in the Holy Spirit (Third person in the Triune Godhead) that was sent to us and is seen throughout the Bible (Gen. 1:26, Judges 3:10, Isaiah 63:10).

1. Reminders from Jesus (Vs 1-7)

- a. Remember God's Promised Truths during times of Struggle
vs 1-2; Isaiah 41:10
- b. Remember that you are Different
vs 3-4, Matt. 5:11-12; John 18:36-37
- c. Remember that God Understands your thoughts & emotions
vs. 5-7; Psalm 139

2. The Work of the Holy Spirit (vs 8-15)

- a. ***In the Individual*** - the Holy Spirit brings *conviction* of the *Truth*: - (**Genuine & Growing**)
 - i. Concerning Sin “Missing the Mark”
vs.9; James 4:17; Romans 6:23
 - ii. Concerning Righteousness “Right Way of Living”
vs 10; Galatian 5:16-25; John 13:35
 - iii. Concerning Judgement “Decision”
vs 11; Matt. 25:41, Col. 2:13-15

b. ***In the Church Community*** – the Holy Spirit will *edify* the body of believers through: (**Giving & Going**)

- i. Counseling the Church “Guidance”
vs 13; Acts 13:1-3; Romans 8:26-27

- ii. Equipping the Church “Spiritual Gifts”
vs 13; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 7:7 & 12:4-28; Eph 4:11-12

c. ***In the World*** - the Holy Spirit will always point & brings glory to God. (vs 14-15) - (**Glorifying**)

3. What can censor the Work of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 13:1-23)

- a. Stubborn Heart (Mathew 13:19, Acts 7:51)
- b. Shallow Heart (Matthew 13:20-21, 1 Thess 5:19)
- c. Strangled Heart (Matthew 13:22, Eph 4:30)

Growing Notes

1. What was one thing you were told to remember to do when you were a child? Were you ever like the disciples needing multiple reminders?
2. Read John 16:1-7. Which of the three reminders in this passage due you struggle with remembering the most? What can you do to better remember these precepts?
3. Read John 16:8-15. The Holy Spirit is still at work today – ministering to the individual hearts, impacting the Church Community, and making a difference in the World. What area does the Holy Spirit need to work in your life – individually, as a part of the Church – as a part of the global Church?
4. Read Psalm 139:23-24. (Take a Deep Breathe) Are you censoring the Holy Spirit's work in your life in any way? If so, what is one action you can take to allow the Holy Spirit to work more in you?