

3. Following Jesus by His Power: the Holy Spirit

John 14:15-18,25-26 and 16:1-15

Discuss while waiting to begin:

What comes to mind first when you think about the Holy Spirit?

Introduction

1. WHO is the Holy Spirit?

- (a) He is a person, not a force (“HE”) – e.g. Rev. 2:7, 1 Cor. 2:11, Rom 8:27
- (b) He is GOD – e.g. Heb. 9:14, Ps 139:7-10, 1 Cor. 2:10-11, Acts 5:1-4, Ps. 95 & Heb. 3
- (c) He is “another counsellor” (Jn. 14:15), “another Jesus” (Jn. 14:18), Christ’s Spirit (Rom. 8:9)

2. WHAT does the Holy Spirit do?

- (a) He dwells in every Christian – Ephesians 1:13, 1 Cor. 12:13
- (b) He convicts and converts – John 16:8-11
- (c) He brings new life and Spiritual growth
 - Regeneration / new birth – John 3:6-7, 6:63
 - Holiness – Ezek. 36:27, Gal. 5:22-23, Rom. 8:14
 - Gifts – 1 Cor. 12:7-11
 - Intercedes for us – Romans 8:26-27
 - Works assurance – Romans 8:16
 - Gives us power to speak – e.g. Acts 2, 4:8, 4:31, etc
- (d) He gives us the Word of God – John 16:12-15, and 14:26
 - Inspires prophets and apostles
 - Illuminates scripture to us
- (e) ** He works WITH the Father and Son... to bring glory to Jesus ** – John 16:12-1

Two practical conclusions: discuss these quotations... especially how we can apply them

1. “We must keep coming back to the word of God, the Bible. This is what the Spirit will use to bring us to maturity, so we need to spend much time in the word, and ask the Spirit to open our eyes more and more fully to its truths, so that we can live more and more completely for the glory of Christ.” (Andrew Randwall)

2. “To be filled with the Spirit means simply that the Christian voluntarily surrenders life & will to the Spirit. Through faith, the believer’s personality is filled, mastered & controlled by the Spirit... To be filled with the Spirit is to be controlled by the Spirit... [our] mind, emotions, will & physical strength all become available for the Spirit to guide & use.” (Oswald Sanders)