

DUDE GROUP 10.11.21

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

A study on the Holy Spirit in John 14&16



In the Beginning . . .

Genesis 1:1-2 > at **Creation**, the beginning of the world as we know it.

Matthew 3:16-17 > at the **Baptism of Jesus**, the beginning of Jesus' ministry > the Kingdom of God is here.

Acts 2 > at the day of **Pentecost**, the beginning of the Church, the body of Christ.

What/Who is the Holy Spirit?

John 14: I'm leaving - I want you to be OK (I love you) - if you believe in me you'll do even greater things - here's the plan >

v15 Hang onto the **truth** I've shared with you (my commandments).

v16 I'll send you an **Advocate** (Helper, Comforter, **Paraclete**, 'Alongsider') who'll always be there.

What has He come to do?

v17+26 He leads you into all **Truth** (Jesus) + teach you **everything you need to know** to live right.

John 16:

v7 It's actually to your **Advantage** that I go so that He can come.

- My Spirit (presence) can Help you more intimately, always, everywhere.
- He will glorify me (explain, clarify, remind, emphasize) Guide you in the Truth that's been spoken.
 - You don't need more Truth (Jesus spoke/revealed the Truth) > you need to understand + live the Truth that's been spoken/revealed.

v13-15 What the Holy Spirit says is from me (Jesus) so **you can trust it**.

v8 **How** will the Holy Spirit guide us?

- Convict (convince) the world of **sin** + God's **righteousness**.
 - Convince us of truth vs. lies > right vs. broken > guide us into truth.
 - I want you to know this in your heart, to see clearly so you can respond.

v9 Our struggle (THE battle of our lives)

- The **World's Sin** (missing the mark, off target, lost) is it's **disbelief**. 'Refuses to believe in Jesus'.
 - We refuse to believe in Jesus - instead we believe in Ourselves (Rom 1:19-32).
 - This leads to all brokenness, dysfunction, destruction, death (Jn 10:9-10, Gal 5:16-23)
 - Trusting in Him leads to Truth + Life. Rich, satisfying, life to the Full (John 10:10, 14:6)

The fight for our Trust

It makes a ton of sense that the enemy of our souls (Satan) who has come to steal, kill + destroy - would have as his main objective to discredit, distort our vision of + create distrust in God, Jesus + maybe especially the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit is who Jesus says He is (the personal presence of God with us now to guide us into all truth - to help us see clearly the difference between what's deeply right + hopelessly broken) the best tactic our enemy could employ would be to convince us to trust in ourselves rather than that Guide.

Questions for Clarity:

1. What's been your view, understanding or general feeling about the Holy Spirit?
 - a. Anyone have a weird, spooky, uncomfortable vibe about the Holy Spirit?
 - b. Does our current view/feeling draw us closer or push us away from the H.S.?
2. What's our opinion/view/feeling about the Holy Spirit based on?
 - a. Is it the name? The uncertainty about who the H.S. is? People's actions in the name of the Holy Spirit?
 - b. Can you see a plot/plan to distort & create distrust in the Guide (H.S.)

Application > Check out Galatians 5:16-26 > The Spirit's help with our fight for right desires.

- How do we '**walk by the Spirit**' or 'let the Holy Spirit guide our lives'?
 - What's the alternative?
 - What are some obstacles keeping us from walking by the Spirit?

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- What's meant by "flesh" here?
 - Have you felt a fight inside you between flesh + Spirit?
 - Why does it seem easier to assist (walk by) the flesh instead of the Spirit?
 - Is there anything we can do to assist (walk by) the Spirit more often?
 - **Finish by checking out Galatians 6:8-10**
 - Talk about "not growing weary" and pray together for strength + about the **battle for trust** taking place inside us.

MORE RESOURCES:

Apps for Bible Study:

[YouVersion](#) - Bible App with different translations & reading plans available

[Blue Letter Bible](#) - Original Language insight - great for word studies

[Enduring Word](#) - verse by verse Commentary + insight

Video

[The Bible Project Holy Spirit Video](#) - concise, Biblical, overview of the Holy Spirit

Book

[Forgotten God](#), Francis Chan

Bible

[Romans 8:1-17](#)