The Underappreciated Ministry of the Holy Spirit John 14-16

Part 1

Question #1: Who is the Holy Spirit? Question #2: What does the Holy Spirit do? Question #3: How does the Holy Spirit operate?

- How does the HS speak to us?
- How does the HS lead us?
- What does it mean to walk in the Spirit?
- How can you tell if "the Spirit" is present in your life?
- How can you tell if "the Spirit" is present in a church?

Question #1 Who is the Holy Spirit? 1. The Holy Spirit is a person. 2. The Holy Spirit is God.

The Holy Spirit is a person. Holy: • without sin, righteous Spirit: • "ruach" (Hebrew); "pneuma" (Gk) • air, breath, wind or spirit

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17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth (him) but ye know(him) for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

The Holy Spirit is a person. Not just some imaginary, vague hope that helps Christians cope with life

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Comforter counselor or helper

"paraclete" - to come alongside to help and assist



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Old Testament New Testament ministry of the Holy Spirit | ministry of the Holy Spirit "with you" (vs. 17) "in you" (vs. 17) For specific purposes Indwelling presence Permanent Temporary Saul – 1 Sam. 16:14 John 14:26 "abide with you forever" David - Ps. 51:11 **Could leave** Will never leave

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- 3. We (NT believers) have the privilege of "the best" of the Holy Spirit's ministry the permanent indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. 30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Joel 2:28-32

"That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;"



What are the 5 greatest challenges facing you in your life right now? 1. 2. 3. 4 5.

What have I learned about God and His Word today that will help me face these challenges?

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away. Has thou not bid me love thee, God and King? All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind. I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear. To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, teach me the patience of unanswered prayer. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

George Croly, 1854