



Morningside Church

Sermon Discussion Guide

Title: The Holy Spirit

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Scripture Text: John 14:15-31

Notes:

Jesus is preparing His disciples for His impending departure. But He will not leave them alone. We find Jesus with His disciples the night before His crucifixion. He has been celebrating the Passover with them. He tells them to not be troubled ([14:1](#)), but to maintain their belief in Him. Where He is going, they cannot follow, not yet. One day He will return for them, but until then, there will be a Helper (Holy Spirit) to come alongside them, encourage them, direct them, convict them, and empower them to do the work Jesus had been preparing them for the prior three years. Everything the Holy Spirit did for the Apostles, He does for Christians today as well.

I. The Properties of a Saint ([John 14:15](#))

Before Jesus gets into discussing the coming “Helper”, He clarifies those who are truly His disciples. Jesus tells them that as His followers, they demonstrate love for Him by obeying His commands. It may be possible to obey without love, but it is impossible to love without obeying. The “Helper” will assist them with both love and obedience.

- The word Jesus uses for ‘love’ is agapē a Greek word which “refers to a selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional love that seeks the best for others without expecting anything in return. It is often described as the highest form of love, encompassing feelings of affection and benevolence. Agapē signifies a pure, willful love that intentionally desires another's highest good, representing the love of God for humanity”.
 - Describe what agapē love looks like practically, day by day.
 - Why is the presence of the Helper important to demonstrate this kind of love?
 - List characteristics of the person who keeps the commandments of Jesus.

II. The Promise of The Spirit ([John 14:16-18](#))

Jesus states He will ask the Father to send a Helper, the Spirit of truth which is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit replaces Jesus’ physical presence by permanently dwelling in His followers.

- The Holy Spirit is often referred to as the third Person of the Trinity. Describe the Trinity.
- Jesus mentions all three, the Father (God), Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit in John 14. Each with unique roles but are One.



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III. The Provision of the Spirit (John 14:19-24)

This passage describes the descension of the Holy Spirit as recorded in [Acts 2:1-4](#). Those who accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior will experience the presence of the Holy Spirit. Christians will “see” (experience) Jesus by the Holy Spirit, where the world, because they don’t have the Holy Spirit will not “see” (experience) Jesus.

- Jesus continues to repeat a statement throughout this passage. What is it?
- At least three times in John 14 Jesus makes the point that to love Him is to keep His commands. What is the relationship between the “Helper” coming and us showing Jesus we love Him by keeping His commandments?
- Based on this passage, how does the Holy Spirit help the Christian be ‘Jesus with skin on’?
- How well are you doing being ‘Jesus with skin on’?

IV. The Illumination of the Spirit (John 14:25-26)

Jesus adds that “the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” This is a critical statement. It was through the Holy Spirit the Apostles were able to preach, teach and write the New Testament. This truth is still relevant today and the Holy Spirit helps us as well.

- In what ways does the Holy Spirit help us today to ‘remember’? What do we need to remember?
- In times of trouble, as we engage the lost, as we disciple another, the Holy Spirit brings to remembrance relevant scripture passages that we can apply to these situations.
 - Describe a time then the Holy Spirit brought to remembrance a scripture passage that was comforting, encouraging, or inspirational in a given circumstance.
 - In order to remember something, it must be in your memory to remember. This means we need to be busy in God’s word regularly, so we have His words imbedded in our heart.
 - How well are you memorizing God’s word in your heart?

V. The Peace of the Spirit (John 14:27-31)

Jesus reminds His disciples of the peace that is available through the Holy Spirit. It is NOT the peace found in the world, but a lasting peace which transcends our circumstances and sustains us in our times of trouble.

- Describe a time you experienced God’s peace in the midst of a difficult time.