

May 23, 2021

PENTECOST
A Sweet, Sweet Spirit
John 15.26-16.15

On his last night together with his disciples, Jesus tells them that, even though he will be going away, God will send an advocate, the Holy Spirit, to help them and be with them forever. (John 14.16)

WHAT THE SPIRIT DOES FOR US:

1. **G**uides us to all truth: *...he will guide you into all the truth...* John 16.13

2. **G**ives us Hope: *...and he will tell you what is yet to come. v13*
*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, **for you are with me**; your rod and your staff, **they comfort me.*** Psalm 23.4

3. **G**oes to bat for us! “The Advocate” (John 14.16, 26, 15.26, 16.7)
*In the same way, **the Spirit helps us in our weakness.** We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, **because the Spirit intercedes** for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.* Romans 8.26-27

Every believer has the Holy Spirit dwelling within them (1 Cor. 3.16, 6.19). How can we effectively make use of the Holy Spirit?

1. Live like the Spirit is **ALWAYS PRESENT** .

2. Don’t let the Spirit’s supply **RUN DRY.**
Do not quench the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5.19

3. The Spirit’s advice will always **LOOK LIKE JESUS.**
...the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. John 15.26
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5.22-23

4. The Spirit works best **IN COMMUNITY.**
*Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*** Galatians 5.25
*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.* Ephesians 4:29-32
*Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink **without discerning the body of Christ** eat and drink judgment on themselves.* 1 Corinthians 11:28–29

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!
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Call to Worship
God the Holy Spirit

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ALL: The Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

LEADER: I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

ALL: But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

LEADER: But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

ALL: But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

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