

When Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit He always used a personal pronoun. “*He*”, “*Him*”, or “*Himself*”. Never once did He refer to the Holy Spirit as “*it*” or a “*feeling*”
(see John 14-16)

“But 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 things that I said to you.”

(John 14:26, NKJV)

Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit with a personal pronoun because He related to the Holy Spirit as a real person

- Not an invisible, intangible, mysterious, or unknown entity

This is important to know because the Third Person of the Godhead possesses the attributes of personality

Just as Jesus is the perfect imprint and very image of the Father’s nature, the Holy Spirit perfectly represents the life and nature of Jesus Christ

Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Comforter

- He used this term four times in **John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7**
- What comfort means to each of us depends on what we are experiencing in life at any given moment

We have already seen...

The Holy Spirit comforts us

The Holy Spirit indwells in us

The Holy Spirit Teaches Us

“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

(1 John 2:27, NKJV)

- Jesus provides us with human teachers who help equip us with the truth we need to grow in the things of God
- However, first and foremost, He gives us the Teacher who will never fail us or lead us astray

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

“All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

(John 16:13, 15, NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit's role is to speak for Jesus Christ and not on His own behalf
- As Jesus did nothing unless He saw the Father doing it, likewise the Spirit does what He sees Jesus doing
- He carries out the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the Church

Even the gifts of the Holy Spirit declare the testimony of Jesus Christ

“that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge,” “even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,”

(1 Corinthians 1:5-6, NKJV)

The Corinthian church was greatly endowed with spiritual gifts
– **1 Corinthians 1:7**

- Paul says here that they were *“enriched”* by them
- Enriched – *“to make extremely rich”*
- We might say, *“filthy stinking rich”* in today's vernacular
- Paul said that they were particularly enriched in *“utterance and knowledge”*

The apostle said that the abundance of these gifts confirmed Jesus Christ among them

Let's look at two more words in our passage

- Confirmed – *“make firm, concrete, stable, or solid”*
- Testimony – *“a personal testimony so strong and valid that it could stand up to scrutiny in a court of law and pass the test with flying colors”* – Rick Renner

The Corinthian church knew Jesus Christ as a Miracle Worker, Healer, Heavenly spoken words of Knowledge, Wisdom, and Prophecy because they had seen the Holy Spirit minister His power among them

This gave them concrete evidence that Jesus was in their midst

The Holy Spirit also brings us the mind of Christ and the will of God

“But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

“But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”

“For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.”

(1 Corinthians 2:9-10, 16, NKJV)

Paul was saying, *“the human heart could never dream up, even in their wildest imagination the wonder and the blessings to be experienced along the path God has prepared for His children”*

- Revealed – *“a picture of something hidden, and then suddenly the veil is taken away”*
- The Holy Spirit lifts the cover that blocks our view of God’s promises to us
- He opens the eyes of our spirits
- He continues to teach us the Word of God
- Which ultimately testifies to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives

In fact, the Holy Spirit is the one who inspired the Bible

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,” (2 Timothy 3:16, NKJV)

- Inspiration literally means *God-Breathed*

Every word recorded in the scriptures was God-Breathed and provided the inspired utterance from the heart of God to the hearts of those called to write down the words

This doesn't only pertain to the New Testament

“for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

(2 Peter 1:21, NKJV)

- No one knows the Bible better than the Holy Spirit
- No one can teach it better than the One who inspired it
- He is still imparting the Word of God into the hearts and minds of men and women today

Would you let Him teach you and guide you through the Word allowing Him to inspire you in the things of God?

“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21, NKJV)

The Holy Spirit Reminds Us

“But 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 things that I said to you.” (John 14:26, NKJV)

Did you ever wonder how the disciples ever remembered everything Jesus taught them?

“And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.”

(John 21:25, NKJV)

It is the Holy Spirit’s responsibility to bring to our remembrance all of the things Jesus did, said, and taught

- One of the ways that the Holy Spirit taught the disciples about Jesus was through the Old Testament Scripture
- Tying OT Scripture to events that Jesus was fulfilling
- Many things they witnessed during their time with Jesus may not have been understood at the time
- These things were revealed to them as they wrote the New Testament

The truth is we have vivid details of the life and ministry of Jesus recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

- This is due to the wonderful work of the Holy Spirit
- When our partnership with the Holy Spirit is strong, we can lean on Him when our memory fails

The Holy Spirit Testifies With Us

The truth is there is no witness and no testimony without the work of the Holy Spirit

- We must have the Holy Spirit's help as we testify
- Otherwise, we will become weary in our witnessing

The Holy Spirit may give you a new revelation regarding Jesus Christ for your own spiritual growth and to minister to someone else's specific needs s He leads you

- He may direct you to people who are lost or need a specific word of encouragement
- The Holy Spirit loves to testify of Jesus because of His deep love, adoration, and affection for Him

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

(Acts 1:8, NKJV)

- Notice Jesus said, “*after*” the Holy Spirit has come upon them
- Supernatural power is required to be a witness
- Without the Holy Spirit's power, it is almost impossible to testify with this supernatural confidence about Jesus Christ

After the Holy Spirit came upon them the disciples supernaturally declared “*the wonderful works of God*” in other languages to people they were afraid of the day before

After receiving the power of the Holy Spirit we see Peter boldly proclaim

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—” “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;”

“Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.”

(Acts 2:22-23, 33, NKJV)

- Just two months earlier he was denying that he even knew Jesus
- True, biblical witnessing involves yielding to the leading and the power of the Holy Spirit

“And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.” (Acts 4:33, NKJV)

Even under the Old Covenant, God’s people understood that they could not fulfill spiritual tasks by natural means

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, ’ Says the LORD of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6, NKJV)

The Holy Spirit Convicts Us

“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;” (John 16:8–10, NKJV)

- Do you remember getting caught with your hand in the cookie jar?
- This is what sinners feel the first time they sense the conviction of the Holy Spirit

“having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.” (Ephesians 4:18–19, NKJV)

- The Spirit awakens our spirit to our true spiritual condition
- The word Convict in **John 16:8** *“to expose, cross-examine, for the purpose of conviction as in a court of law”* – Guilty!

The whole world stands guilty before God – **Romans 3:19, 23**

- This is what happens when the Holy Spirit first enables the sinner to truly hear the word of God
- No one can come to God unless he is drawn by the Holy Spirit

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:44, NKJV)

Once we become believers the Holy Spirit will still bring conviction of sin into our lives

- He will let us know we have missed the mark
- Conviction is not condemnation
- It is then up to us how we respond
- When we ignore the Spirit's prompting regularly our hearts can become hard to the voice of the Holy Spirit
- We must never allow this to happen

“but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”
(Hebrews 3:13, NKJV)

The Holy Spirit Convinces Us

Have you ever complimented someone who then argued with you, rejecting your compliment and essentially questioning your judgment in the matter?

- You compliment someone on a song they sang at church
- They say, *“Thanks for the compliment but I thought it was horrible today.” “I don’t know how you got anything out of it.”*
- It's rude to respond that way
- It is rejecting the love, admiration, and appreciation God is expressing through someone else to encourage you
- In effect you are telling that person they are a liar
- I'm sure we don't do things like this on purpose but it is better to just say, *“Thank You.”*

The truth is that we do this to God every day!

- This is why one of the Holy Spirit's responsibilities is to *convince us of righteousness*

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

(2 Corinthians 5:21, NKJV)

Most Christians are so conscious of their old sinful nature (*which still abides in our flesh*) they have a hard time embracing the truth that they have been declared righteous

- Tell them they are good and they will respond by telling you how bad they are
- Sinful nature always clings to what is the worst and most negative
- It always gravitates downward, never upward
- This is the nature of the mind that is not under the control of the Holy Spirit

If we don't mortify the flesh (***Colossians 3:5***) we will ultimately follow its negative leading all the way to the grave

When we live this way we will never believe that we are created a NEW creature in Christ

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

(2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV)

When we don't believe this is true is like throwing a compliment back in God's face

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10, NKJV)

- This is such a life-changing truth
- But it takes the Holy Spirit to move this truth from our heads to our hearts
- Just as He convinces the sinner of sin He convinces believers that they are Righteous

We are so negative in our old, fleshy nature that it takes the supernatural work of God to cause us to truly comprehend our new condition in Christ

- If we don't grasp this truth it is almost impossible to...
- Pray with confidence and know God hears and answers you
- Minister to others the way that God wants us to

Living this way will keep you under a cloud of guilt and condemnation for the rest of your life, hindering your ability to walk in the joy and victory of the Lord!

The Holy Spirit Guides and Reveals to Us

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” (John 16:13, NKJV)

The Holy Spirit will most often reveal things to us in times of prayer

- Whatever He reveals to us we can be sure it came right from the throne room of heaven

Just as Jesus said nothing or did nothing unless He saw His Father do or say it, so the Holy Spirit does nothing He didn't see or hear Jesus say or do

- We can trust what He is saying to us
- Whether it is the way we are ordering our lives
- Which job to take
- Who to marry
- How to deal with children
- Or the nature of our divine calling and purpose

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” (Romans 8:26, NKJV)

- Have you ever experienced a time when you didn't know what to pray for yourself or someone else?
- Maybe you didn't know how to get out of a dilemma

You may have prayed, *“Lord, the desire of my heart is so deep, but I feel so confused, I need your help knowing how to pray.”*

- Remember prayer is a two-way conversation
- The Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus' perspective on our situation, and what He wants us to do or not do

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses”

- Helps – *“to take hold of something with somebody else”*
- *“Two intimate friends together giving all of their joint efforts and resources to solve a problem”*
- Weaknesses – *“someone weak, sick, or broken down in their bodies, minds, or emotions”*
- *“Someone who has lost their spiritual sense of well-being and strength”*
- The Holy Spirit may remind us of an upcoming financial attack
- He may be trying to tell you the reason you haven't been healed of an illness so you can make adjustments
- He may show you that you have been taken over by an obsession or addiction and that you need to be set free

He is telling us in our text that He will Partner with us giving us the know-how to get us on track, with every exact little thing making up for whatever we lack

- When we don't know the root or every detail He steps in and takes up the slack
- We need divine guidance and the Mind of Christ when dealing with the enemy
- He sees clearly beyond our flawed human blind spots

The Holy Spirit always has a comprehensive, precise, accurate view of whatever we need to know for whatever we're going through

The Holy Spirit Helps Us Worship

“He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.” (John 16:14, NKJV)

- One of the Holy Spirit's responsibilities is to glorify Jesus Christ through us

In addition to glorifying Him through mighty acts and miracles, he desires to glorify Him through intimate praise and worship

I remember the first time I went to a small group where believers started worshiping Jesus

- Even though I was not interested in becoming a believer I knew that something supernatural was happening
- I experienced the presence of the Lord
- I knew they knew Jesus

Do you have a hard time entering into praise and worship?

- Ask the Holy Spirit to glorify Jesus through you
- True intimate worship only comes through the Holy Spirit

This is a responsibility of the Holy Spirit and is always grand, glorious, and a true pleasure for all believers

- Worship is the key to the Holy Spirit's work of revealing a deeper understanding of Christ
- God's desire is for us to cultivate an atmosphere of continual worship in our daily lives

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” (John 4:24, NKJV)