

Holy Spirit – Helper – Friend – God – 3

Holy Spirit is not an “it” or a mysterious, spooky being

- He is a person
- He is the member of the Trinity that dwells both on earth and in heaven – a liaison of the God-Head
- He wants a relationship with us in which He will show Himself powerfully as our helper, our friend and our God

John 14:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

- The Spirit of Truth
- Dwells “in” us
- Helper – Advocate (NLT)

(Helper)

Synonyms:

champion, upholder, supporter, backer, promoter, proponent, spokesperson, campaigner, fighter, crusader, booster

Antonyms:

Opponent, assailant, opposition, antagonist, enemy, protestor

1 Corinthians 2:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

Conviction of Sin – Righteousness – Judgement

John 16:8–11 (NKJV)

⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Romans 8:1-2, 34 (NLT)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power* of the life-giving Spirit has freed you* from the power of sin that leads to death.

³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

- The Holy Spirit is our Helper
- He will help us in every area of our life
- Open up yourself to this ministry

He is Our Friend

Some people think that if you invite the Holy Spirit into your life in a deeper way you will become weird

- I know there are people out there that are weird and claim the Holy Spirit made them do something that was weird
- These people would be weird even if they didn't know the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit is not weird and He won't make you weird
- He isn't concerned about you dressing a certain way
- Ladies, He doesn't care if you wear too much make up
- He doesn't care if you wear no make up

The enemy wants nothing more than to make Christians believe stuff like that

He will do anything to keep you from inviting this Friend into your life

- Holy Spirit isn't strange
- He is a wonderful, kind and sensitive person
- He wants to be a blessing and a benefit to our lives
- A friendship with Him will change your life
- He brings amazing things into our lives

He wants to be our best friend forever! BFF

Power

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

⁸ But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my **witnesses**, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Many Christians struggle to live the Christian life
- They experience failure and disappointment
- They are trying to live by their own power
- They are saved yet defeated and ineffective
- Holy Spirit will bring Power to live an effective life
- To be a witness of the power and glory of God to others

Love

Romans 5:5 (NLT)

⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

- God wants us to experience and share His Love
 - **1 Corinthians 13**
- The Holy Spirit's role is to pour out God's Love within us
- Natural love cannot do what supernatural love can
- He enables us to turn our back on the things of this life
- He enables us to forgive and reach out to others

Fruit

Galatians 5:22, 23 (NLT)

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

- When we allow the Holy Spirit to dwell in our lives He will produce fruit
- If you want to be a person of greater peace or patience or gentleness or kindness
- Enjoy the Holy Spirit's presence in your life
- Walk in the Spirit

Galatians 5:25 (NLT)

²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Gifts

The earliest New Testament believers turned the world upside down because of their eagerness to embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit

- Miracles, transformed lives everywhere
- The Devil is terrified of us embracing this truth
- That's why there is so much controversy in the Body of Christ concerning Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4, 7-11 & 27 (NLT)

Now, dear brothers and sisters,* regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this.

⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.

⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice*; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special

knowledge.* ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He

gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another

spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages,* while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. *“distributing to each one individually as He wills” (NKJV)*

²⁷ All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

- We will examine these gifts later in the series
- First let's learn about the giver of these gifts

We know He wants to communicate to us and impart gifts into our lives

- He wants to be our best friend

Let's talk about His personality

- He is not a dove
- He is not a wind
- He is not some impersonal force
- If we don't see this, we will never develop a relationship with Him

Personhood:

- A person is a being with a personality
- If something doesn't have a personality, it's not a person
- A person is a being with a soul
- Mind – Will – Emotions
- God has a soul

The Father:

Matthew 12:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.

The Son:

Matthew 26:38 (NKJV)

³⁸ Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

The Spirit:

Hebrews 10:38 (NKJV) *The Spirit of Grace declares – Vs. 29*

³⁸ Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit have a soul

A person with a soul

- Has thoughts
- Makes choices
- Has feelings

We see dozens of scriptures that reference

- the *mind* of God
- the *will* of God
- the *emotions* of God
 - Joy, anger, sadness, and pleasure

We have someone on the inside who has a mind, will and emotions

His Soul: Mind, Will and Emotions

I believe the number one question most Christians ask

- How can I know God's will for my life?

The reason more people don't know God's will

- They don't have a friendship with the Holy Spirit
- To have a friendship with someone is to get to know them
- Their mind, will and emotions

His Mind

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ “For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD. ⁹ “For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

- God must have thoughts
- You can't have thoughts without a mind
- His thoughts are about you and I and our situations

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think **toward you**, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Remember God knows everything so He has nothing to learn

- He's incapable of thinking something He's never thought of before
- He knows everything all at once, all of the time
- Nothing has ever occurred to God
- He knows the answer to every problem you face
- He knows every thought you've ever had
- He knows every word you speak before you speak it
- Holy Spirit is God and He lives in you

Romans 8:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Psalm 139:4, 17-18 (NKJV)

⁴ For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ *If* I should count them they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

His Will

We have already established that God has a *General will* and a *Specific will* for your life – **Psalm 105:19 Joseph**

I can hear God *with you* but I cannot hear God *for you*

Acts 2:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘*And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.*

Emotions

If you want to know the soul (*emotions*) of Holy Spirit look at Jesus

We see him...

Laugh, cry, become exasperated, show compassion, choose, teach, encourage, and love

Galatians 5:22–23 (NKJV)

²² But the fruit (*emotions*) of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

If Holy Spirit has feelings can I make Him sad?

Ephesians 4:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ And do not *grieve* the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

- Grief – the sadness you feel at the loss of intimacy with someone
- When we have hurtful thoughts or actions toward someone we have an intimate relationship with it causes grief

What grieves the Holy Spirit?

Ephesians 4:25–32 (NKJV)

²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, “Let *each one* of you **speaking truth with his neighbor**,” for we are members of one another.

²⁶ “*Be angry, and do not sin*”: do not let the sun go down on **your wrath**,²⁷ nor give place to the devil. ²⁸ Let him who stole **steal no longer**, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may **have something to give** him who has need. ²⁹ Let no **corrupt word proceed out of your mouth**, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all **bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking** be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, **tenderhearted, forgiving one another**, even as God in Christ forgave you.