

Union Chapel M.B. Church

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“The Holy Spirit’s Promise”

*(Study Material from Theology You Can Count On)*

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity, who must be related to personally. The Holy Spirit is absolutely central to the Christian life (John 14:16-17).

## **I. The Spirit’s Person**

- a. A Real Person
  - i. He bears all the attributes of personality: intellect (Rom. 8:27; 1 Cor 2:10-11), emotion (Eph. 4:30), and will (1 Cor. 12:11).
  - ii. Only a person intends to do things.
- b. A Divine Person
  - i. The Holy Spirit is God (Isa 40:13; Ps. 139:7; Job 33:4).
- c. A Unique Person
  - i. He is called the Holy Spirit. His title focuses attention on His primary work in the life of believers: to progressively conform us to the image of Christ, the process we call *sanctification* (1 Peter 3:15).

## **II. The Spirit’s Enabling**

- a. There would be no effective ministry or life that pleased the Lord by mere human effort (John 1:5).
- b. An Internal Helper
  - i. Jesus promised the disciples that “*another Helper*” would come after He left (John 14:16), i.e., Counselor, Advocate (1 John 2:1). Helper literally means “*one called alongside to help,*” that is enable.
- c. An Ever-Present Helper
  - i. Jesus had to leave us to help us do greater works (John 16:7; John 14:12).
  - ii. The Holy Spirit is ever present with us and indwells us, we can draw on the full power of deity wherever we go (John 14:26).

## **III. The Spirit’s Purpose**

- a. The Holy Spirit has one overarching goal (John 16:13-14); compare with 1 John 4:2-3.
- b. Anything that diminishes Jesus Christ’s glory as the incarnate Son of God is “the spirit of the antichrist” (1 John 4:2-3.)

## **IV. The Spirit’s Benefits**

- a. Guidance, (John 16:13).
- b. Remembrance, (John 14:26).
- c. Peace, (John 14:27).

## **Personal Application for Life**

1. Am I feeding the Holy Spirit in my life? One way you can tell is to see what happens when you read your Bible, pray, or get in a conversation where the subject is spiritual things. Do these things feel strange to you? Are you comfortable or awkward in the Word, in God's presence, and among His people? Face those questions honestly, and you'll have a large part of your answer – and maybe a place to start turning things around.
2. The Spirit's purpose is to glorify Christ. Is that your purpose? Look at how you spend your time, abilities, and money, and ask yourself how many of these things have as their ultimate goal the exaltation of Christ in some way. The ones that don't may need to go. That's between you and the Holy Spirit.
3. Which benefit of the Holy Spirit do you need most in your life right now? If your life is lined up with His purposes, be bold in asking Him to meet your need.

### **NOTES:**