

# Holy Spirit Week 1

## NEW SERIES – HOLY SPIRIT

**GROWING UP:** Father – big guy, Son – nice guy, Holy Spirit - the weird one...  
...He shows up at the end of the service – chilling in lobby – hears MUSIC...

**GOOD experiences....Bad experiences...no experiences – each DANGEROUS**

There are plenty of **misgivings and misunderstandings** about the Holy Spirit...

**THIS MORNING:** We will **look at what Jesus had to say about the Holy Spirit...** and he had plenty to say – **especially in the gospel of John** and especially as **his time on earth drew** to a close

5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. John 16:5-11 (ESV)

## FOUR THINGS WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

### THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

**12 times in this chapter**, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit – **EVERY TIME** he uses the **masculine Greek pronoun – HE.**

### The Holy Spirit is a person

- Not a **force** to wield
- Not a **mystery** to solve
- Not a **code** to crack
- Not an **energy** to tap into
- Not a **feeling** to chase
- Not a **power** to get our hands on...
- **HE IS A PERSON TO KNOW!!**

## AS A PERSON, THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS:

- INTELLECT, WILL and EMOTIONS!
- PERSONAL ACTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM: Testifies, teaches, Convicts, intercedes, guides us, reveals things to us
- TREATED AND RESPONDS AS A PERSON: Can be tested, lied to, grieved, resisted, insulted, blasphemed against...

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DIVINE

Convincing daughters about getting shots or eating veggies...I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away,

**DOES JESUS REALLY BELIEVE THIS???**

## Only way this could be true is if the HS is also divine!

There is no way it is better for the disciples for the divine Son of God to leave **unless the divine Spirit of God is coming!**

**John 14** – Another ADVOCATE – **Another** – “one just like me”

## OTHER EVIDENCE OF THE DIVINITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ALL KNOWING - OMNISCIENT – John 14:26
- ALL POWERFUL - OMNIPOTENT – birth announcement by Gabriel
- EVERYWHERE PRESENT - OMNIPRESENT – Psalm 139:7-10 – Where can I go from your Spirit? **(WHY HE IS BETTER!)**
- HE DOES THE WORK OF GOD – Genesis 1:2 (HE IS ETERNAL!)
- AT WORK IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS
- INVOLVED IN SALVATION, SANCTIFICATION and SEALING US!!

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD!

**We don't control the HS!! HE CONTROLS US!**

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IS RELATIONAL

In this passage, Jesus talks about **the Spirit and the Father** – we see each person of the Godhead in this text

**FATHER-SON-HOLY SPIRIT** – Baptized in all their names (Matt 28:19)

## **ONE GOD (ONE IN ESSENCE) – THREE DISTINCT PERSONS**

- Not three **different ways** of looking at God
- Not three **different roles** God plays
- Three distinct persons each with **unique roles and relationships**
  - *The Son sent by the Father to reveal and glorify the Father.*
  - *The Spirit sent by Son & Father to reveal glorify the Son*
- **Maddy – funniest kid in her class ...THE HOLY SPIRIT ISN'T ABOUT DRAWING ATTENTION TO HIMSELF**
- These roles and relationships **do not make one less** significant than the other - **each fully and equally God**

*[13] When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. [14] He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [15] All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (ESV)*

## **The primary role of the Holy Spirit is to reveal Jesus to our hearts – POINT US TO JESUS!!!**

Holy Spirit at work in service? Was Jesus preached? Lifted up? Focus on him???

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR HELPER**

This is how Jesus explained the HS to his disciples

**MADDY** – helps us do what we could not do on our own

The Holy Spirit is a helper

**How does he help us???**

**8 he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:**

## **THREE THINGS HE HELPS US KNOW:**

- **SIN IS WORSE THAN WE THINK**

- RIGHTEOUSNESS IS **HARDER** THAN WE THINK
- JUDGEMENT IS **BETTER** THAN WE THINK

## SIN IS WORSE THAN WE THINK

8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me

We think of **sin in terms of BEHAVIOR...**

We sin when we **lie**, when we **lust**, when we **lose** our temper, when we **lack** the will power to do the right thing – **YES BUT SO MUCH MORE!!!**

But Jesus doesn't say "concerning sin, because they do the wrong things..."

BECAUSE THEY DON'T BEHAVE LIKE ME...

"concerning sin, because they do not believe in me"

**The heart of sin is UNBELIEF...not believing in him...**

Not simply **believe but also RECEIVE**

Receive **means to receive Jesus as he is and not as we want him to be – (sidekick, genie in a bottle, spiritual blessing vending machine, someone who happens to share and support all your political preferences)**

**...He is KING** – He must rule **over not just our wills, but our affections** – we hope and **trust fully and solely in Him!**

The idea of sin here is not merely conceived in terms of a listing of erroneous acts but of the fundamental act of choosing another god. - G. L. Borchert

**NT: EPITHUMIA = "SINFUL DESIRES" is used to define our problem**

**It's an out of control desire – an OVER desire** – for **anything** – **good, bad, neutral** – now we have to look **inside** ourselves

## When a good thing becomes a “god thing” it creates “over desires” - IDOLS

The main problem our heart has is not so much desire for bad things, but our over-desire for good things. - Keller

Good things: health, wealth, success, comfort, great spouse, well-behaved children, ministry impact, etc...

Everyone believes and receives something...and whatever is most central to their belief system – whatever they look to most for rest and joy

WHEN IT ISN'T JESUS – IT'S SIN – **HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US KNOW OUR OWN HEARTS!** – not just convict us of BAD BEHAVIOR but of WRONG BELIEF

## **RIGHTEOUSNESS IS HARDER THAN WE THINK**

concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; -

If sin isn't just behavior then we can't be made **righteous by doing enough good things...even the best things...even religious things!!**

Good works is not the solution!

We can't impress God with our righteousness!

**HOLY SPIRIT:** All your trying, all your efforts, all your right living – your ABSOLUTE BEST!!! Are FILTHY RAG (Isaiah 64:6) PILE OF CRAP (Paul in Phil 3:8)...

**WE CAN'T MAKE OURSELVES RIGHTEOUS!** – Receive, not achieve – we can't receive without the HOLY SPIRIT!

SIN IS WORSE – RIGHTEOUSNESS IS HARDER – **GOOD NEWS???**

## JUDGEMENT IS BETTER THAN WE THINK

Judgment usually indicates a position of strength...authority...control...power...

What was God's great moment of triumph over the ruler of this world??

A moment of strength, a man in control, a display of power and authority?

Hardly – it was moment of profound weakness and shame...

In weakness, Jesus became the righteousness WE CAN'T GIVE OURSELVES

He became man – lived perfect in our place

In weakness, Jesus became our sin – the sin WE CAN'T TAKE AWAY FROM OURSELVES

– died shamed in our place – the judgment that we deserve fell on Jesus...he endured the wrath of God

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor 5:21

**The Holy Spirit is reminding us:** This truth is what you're searching for, this beauty is what you're longing for...

He guides us into truth, he glorifies Jesus, he takes what belongs to Jesus and speaks it to your heart – POINTS US TO JESUS!!!

FOOD NETWORK SHOWS – WHERE IS THIS???

It's one thing to know that Jesus loves you, **but it's another thing to have a sense on the heart of that love so POWERFUL that it sets you free**

the truth of the Gospel AND the work of the Holy Spirit makes that possible

**Gospel Transformation Bible** study notes:

*The Holy Spirit constantly draws attention to Jesus—nestling the gospel into our hearts and applying the finished work of Jesus to our lives.*