

I. Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit - John 14:15-29

A. Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. Joh 14:16 And **I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever**—

1. A simple but profound truth, the Father gives the Spirit in response to the intercession of the Son. Here we see the beauty of the trinity's interdependence, and how they each have unique roles that function in mutual submission and unity. The release of the Spirit through intercession was always to be the culmination of Jesus' ministry. The cross changed everything with respect to our atonement for sin, but it prepared the way for new birth by the Spirit. The outworking of the cross is that in Christ's glorification He could send us the Holy Spirit to indwell and transform us, and ultimately giving us eternal life by the Spirit. He promises over and over the reality that the Spirit in us will be like water, fire, and breath.
 - a) **Joh 4:13** Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,**Joh 4:14** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him **will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.**"
 - b) **Joh 20:21** So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." **Joh 20:22** And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
 - (1) The disciples were likely born again at this moment, but they later would receive a full baptism of the Spirit once Jesus had completed his ascension.
 - c) **Joh 7:37** On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "**If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Joh 7:38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."**Joh 7:39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, **because Jesus was not yet glorified.**
 - d) **Luk 3:16** John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, **whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luk 3:17** His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."
 - e) **Act 1:4** And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; **Act 1:5** for John truly baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**" **Act**

1:6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **Act 1:7** And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **Act 1:8** **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.**"

- f) **Luk 24:46** Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, **Luk 24:47** and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **Luk 24:48** And you are witnesses of these things. **Luk 24:49** **Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.**"
- g) **Mar 16:19** So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and **sat down at the right hand of God.** **Mar 16:20** And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.
- (1) Jesus of Nazareth is at the right hand of God, but simultaneously working in the earth among His people by the Spirit confirming the word through the Holy Spirit's power.
- h) **Act 2:1** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **Act 2:2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **Act 2:3** **Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.** **Act 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- (1) This was not a onetime event but is meant to be the ongoing reality of the Church to receive the Spirit, "as they did in the beginning."
- i) **Act 11:15** And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. **Act 11:16** Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' **Act 11:17** If therefore God gave them the same gift as *He gave* us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" **Act 11:18** When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."
2. Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit in the above passage as the *paraklētos* (par-ak'-lay-tos) Which means a helper, intercessor, consoler, advocate, comforter. The implication is that Jesus is going to leave them, but they will receive help from a source that is as equally powerful, steadfast, and eternal. The third person of the Trinity is about to enter the story in a more dynamic way than he has been previously present. They have experienced the Holy Spirit's power, but they are

about to know Holy Spirit intimately as a friend who comforts, helps, advocates, and intervenes on their behalf. The Holy Spirit now appears with a legitimate unique voice within the life of the believer.

- a) While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2 TNIV).
- b) Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, **but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to**. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas (Acts 16:6-8 NIV)
- c) And now I am going to Jerusalem, drawn there irresistibly by the Holy Spirit, not knowing what awaits me, except that **the Holy Spirit has told me** in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead (Acts 20:22, 23 NLT).
- d) **Act 20:28** Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which **the Holy Spirit has made you overseers**, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

B. Joh 14:17 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**.

1. I want to highlight two characteristics of the Holy Spirit, He is both Truth and is not merely dwelling upon but WITHIN. Many in the Old Testament had the spirit come upon them, but none had the Spirit dwell within them. This is why he who is least in the new covenant, is greater than the greatest prophet under the old.
 - a) **Mat 11:11** "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; **but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he**.
 - b) **1Jn 5:6** This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And **it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth**.
 - c) **1Co 2:6** However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. **1Co 2:7** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, **1Co 2:8** which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **1Co 2:9** 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." **1Co 2:10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 1Co 2:11** 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. **1Co 2:12** 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. **1Co 2:13** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **1Co 2:14** But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. **1Co 2:15** But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. **1Co 2:16** For "WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD THAT HE MAY INSTRUCT HIM?" But we have the mind of Christ.

- d) **1Jn 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **1Jn 4:2** By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, **1Jn 4:3** and every spirit that **does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God**. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. **1Jn 4:4** You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world**. **1Jn 4:5** They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. **1Jn 4:6** We are of God. He who knows God hears us; **he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

C. The Spirit Came to Dwell Within

1. **Num 11:25** Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed *the same* upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again. **Num 11:26** But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they *were* among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp.
2. **Act 8:14** Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, **Act 8:15** who, when they had come down, **prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit**. **Act 8:16** For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **Act 8:17** Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
3. **Eph 5:17** Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. **Eph 5:18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

- D. Joh 14:18 **I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you**. Joh 14:19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but **you will see Me**. Because I live, you will

live also. Joh 14:20 **At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.**

1. We Jesus left by way of the suffering of the cross, there was a temptation for the disciples to feel like orphans, unloved, abandoned, vulnerable. We he departed into heaven, they had the charge to transform the world but no power to complete the task. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will connect them to the Father, just like He was connected to the Father.

- (1) **Rom 8:15** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." **Rom 8:16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **Rom 8:17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, **that we may also be glorified together.**
- (2) **Mat 10:19** But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; **Mat 10:20** for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.
- (3) **Gal 4:1** Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, **Gal 4:2** but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. **Gal 4:3** Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. **Gal 4:4** But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **Gal 4:5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. **Gal 4:6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" **Gal 4:7** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.
- (4) **Eph 1:15** Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, **Eph 1:16** do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: **Eph 1:17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, **Eph 1:18** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, **Eph 1:19** and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power **Eph 1:20** which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, **Eph 1:21** far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.