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"The Holy Spirit" John 14:16

Intro.

1. Sweet to live daily with Jesus, disciples had been with him.
2. Going to die, they wondered what we will do when he leaves us, who will lead us, who will teach us.
3. Seems Jesus would be the one needing comfort.
4. I come to promise you a comforter, this subject should interest every Christian and we should know him better.

I. Who is the Holy Spirit?

1. Holy Spirit is a person,

- a. the fact that he is a person is shown by the fact by the use of His name, we never speak of the spirit as It, any more than we speak of God or Jesus. When a person is baptized, it is in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit.
  - b. A person is shown by His appearance on earth. Jesus being baptized with John, the spirit comes in a form of a dove. Some years later, Christ is gone and the spirit rushes into the upper room.
  - c. The person is shown by the personal character-istics shown by him.  
knowledge I Cor. 2:11  
will I Cor. 12:11  
mind Romans 8:27  
power Romans 15:13
  - d. Shown by Acts and describe to him. The spirit of God moved upon the face of the water. Brought Chaos, peace and order, brought Chaos to a close and order into ~~a~~ distance. The spirit inspired the writing of the Bible. Guided God's servants in the Antioch church, to separate Barnabas & Paul. Spoke to Peter and told him to go down and preach to the Gentiles. Lead Philip to the desert. Call Paul to cross over to Macedonia.
- 3.. Shown by the fact that he is treated as a person  
grieved Eph. 4:30  
resisted Acts 7:51

lied to Acts 5:3

2. The Holy Spirit is God, the third person in the trinity.

- a. shown by the attributes, power, presence, eternal
- b. by works, create Job 33:4, impart life, prophesies II Peter 1:21  
Where is the spirit today?

## II. What does the Holy Spirit do in the World?

1. He convicts of sin, no man can do this, only the spirit, a Christian goes and talks with a sinner, reads the Bible, prays with, conviction comes because of the power of the spirit. John 16:8

2. He calls us to eternal life, Rev. 22:17

3. He seals us until the day of redemption. Eph. 4:30 No man can brake that seal.

4. He causes us to remember John 14:26.  
memory is a wonderful thing and Jesus wants us to remember when we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

5. He teaches us the will of God. If you want to know to what Church you should belong, let the spirit teach you. If you want to know how to be baptized, let the spirit teach you. If you want to know how much money to give or if you are indoubt about anything let the spirit teach you.

6. He comforts in time of sorrow. Friends do their best, after all the Holy Spirit is the best comforter. Have you ever had the experience of riding on a train thru the mountains, the sun shining brightly, the porter comes in and turns all the lights on and you wonder why, in a few moments the train plunges into the darkness of a tunnel and if it had not been for the lights in side you would have been in total darkness

In the hour of sorrow and darkness, you need a light on the inside.

7. He empowers us for service. The man stands to preach the gospel, where does he get spiritual power, is it from a college degree or books, let a man preach in his own power and he simply fails. Here in the church we have a number of electric lights, there is absolutely no power in the electric bulbs nor in the wires, nor in the filaments, yet I can push the switch on the wall and the church is flooded with lights, that means that the advance of electric fixtures there is a great power, there is no power apart from me in the Holy Spirit.

Christians the Holy Spirit is a person, does he have an influence in your life.

The Holy Spirit is not a power for you to use, but a power to use you. How much of you does he have.

If the Holy Spirit calls you, you are not to go on in sin and rejects his call, if you heed his call you are treading on dangerous ground. I urge you to listen to him.

*2 long lights on in And - 2 were off - need to illustrate Christians with power & Power without.*