

HOLY SPIRIT: PRESENCE, PURPOSE, AND POWERFUL

John 16:5-7 "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. ⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you

The Counselor is a *paraclete*, meaning comforter or advocate. It also means one of the same kind, indicating that the Holy Spirit has every attribute, quality, and ability that Jesus had as He walked on earth, because the Holy Spirit is God. The third person of the Trinity, He guides, teaches us, and intercedes when we don't know what to pray.

PRESENCE

Any time we experience God, through praise, worship, or prayer. The Word coming alive is the Holy Spirit's presence we are experiencing.

- **John 14:16-17**
- **Psalm 139: 7-10**
- **Psalm 46:1**

God's love is poured into us by His Spirit.

Romans 5:5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

PURPOSE

I believe that the main purpose of the Holy Spirit is to help the believer lead an obedient Christ-Centered life. It is the Holy Spirit's power that makes us more like Jesus.

- **John 16:8-11**
- **2 Corinthians 5:17**
- **2 Corinthians 3:18**

1 Peter 1:15-16 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Holy means to be set apart for God. *Righteousness* is right-standing with God. Holiness is living out that righteousness in our daily lives. (**Philippians 2:12b**)

1 Corinthians 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? He changes our bodies into a Temple that houses the Living God.

The Holy Spirit wants to make us into thermostats, so that we set the Spiritual climate in all situations.

POWER

The Holy Spirit was part of Creation.

- **Gen 1:1-2**

When we first come to receive Jesus as our Savior, we are formless and empty. I believe the Spirit starts to hover over us to bring new life, like a hen hovers over her chicks.

- **Acts 10:38**
- **Romans 15:19**

Romans 8:1-2 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death

1 Corinthians 2:4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" – ¹⁰ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings revelation to our hearts.

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

To be witnesses, we are here at such a time as this because God trusts us to be witnesses for Him.