

HOLY SPIRIT – PERSON, PRESENCE AND POWER**#1 – WHY WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT****JOHN 14:16-17**

“¹⁶And I (Jesus) will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.” John 14:16-17

I. We Desperately Need God’s Presence and Power

- ***We lack God’s _____ in our lives*** – We often feel spiritually alone because God seems distant. Our relationship with God isn’t personal, merely intellectual; it isn’t close, but distant.
- ***We lack God’s supernatural _____ in our lives*** – We try to do the Christian life in our own power – and fail! We fail to beat sin. We fail to see supernatural and lasting effects in our ministries. Our churches are no more life-changing and effective than any other earthly institutions.
- ***We lack spiritual _____ in our lives*** – So much of the Christian life is confusing. We don’t get God! That which we know we don’t know how to apply to change our personal lives.
- ***We lack spiritual joy and _____*** – We struggle with the spiritual “blahs.” Our Christian life is in a rut. There’s no “life” to our Christianity. Our fears often outweigh our faith in life’s challenge.

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were altogether in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4

II. The Reality of God’s Presence and Power – The Holy Spirit

- ***God’s presence and power are unleashed through the _____*** – After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the church found themselves lacking God’s presence, power and spiritual understanding, but they stayed together and waited expectantly for God to begin the next phase of their journey through the Holy Spirit. Though we receive the Holy Spirit when we become Christians, we need to continually submit to God to allow Him to unleash the Spirit’s power within us, renewing and refilling us. Today, do we recognize the need to be filled with God’s presence and power through the Holy Spirit?
- ***The Holy Spirit is supernatural and to be _____*** – The Holy Spirit is not a concept that we know intellectually, but the third Person of the Trinity that we experience supernaturally. When the Holy Spirit is unleashed within us and the Church, spiritual wind and fire will blow. We will be shaken up and transformed. It will not be business as usual, but miraculous – miracles will occur. God shows up!
- ***Out of fear, we can “_____” the Spirit*** – We can become comfortable in the rut of our lives. We fear that which we do not know or understand. We like to be in control of our lives, as well. The Holy Spirit will lead us to new and supernatural experiences that threaten our current status quo and control. Because of this, we often quench the Spirit by not

allowing God to work with us as He wills. For the Holy Spirit to be unleashed, we must let go and let God do anything with us He wills.

III. The Reasons for God's Presence and Power Through the Holy Spirit

²⁶(Jesus said) "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." John 14:26

- **Counselor** – The Holy Spirit encourages us in our struggles, guides us to do God's will, and convicts of sin and God's judgment.
- _____ **and guide** – Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "The Spirit of Truth" which will teach us all things and remind us of everything Jesus said. This includes a spiritual understanding and the truth of Jesus' teachings and life. We can finally "get it."

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- **God's** _____ **in our life** – The Holy Spirit is God's abiding in us and with us – His presence in our lives. God will no longer seem distant or a stranger. We no longer feel "alone." The Holy Spirit is for us the presence of Jesus Christ, the spiritual presence of Jesus Himself. We are indwelt with the Spirit of God, Who is the living essence of Jesus in us.

⁸(Jesus said) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be witnesses..." Acts 1:8a

- **God's supernatural** _____ – The Holy Spirit is God's supernatural power in our lives. No longer will we have to do the Christian life in our own power and often fail. We will glow with God's radiance and minister and witness with God's power with miraculous results. The Church will no longer be weak and lifeless. The world will see that we have something unique and supernatural and be amazed. All will marvel of the greatness and glory of God.

<p>Answers: I. Presence; power; understanding; life. II. Holy Spirit; experienced; quench. III. Teacher; presence; power.</p>
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