



## LIFEgroup HOMEwork

Week of May 2, 2010

### **The Person and Presence of the Holy Spirit**

#### **John 14:15-17**

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The Holy Spirit is not optional equipment for the Christian life. He is the heart and soul and not some impersonal force we can leverage for our own agendas. He is the third Person of the Trinity, an intimate member of the Godhead.

If you and I are going to experience the victorious Christian life, it will never be without the personal experience of the Person and ministry of the Spirit of God. The importance of this subject is overwhelming in scope and never more timely. I am not overstating the truth that everything good thing that comes from the Christian life emanates from a living knowledge of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus left earth to go back to heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit as a counselor, comforter and convictor who would provide a greater benefit to Christ followers than if Jesus were to continue to walk this planet in the flesh. (John 16:7)

**Sharing Question:** When did you first have a Biblical understanding of the person of the Holy Spirit? Explain...

### **Getting Started Questions:**

Some would say that there is a "tragic neglect" of God's Holy Spirit by Christians today. Do you agree? What is your evidence?

Why do you think there has been so much misunderstanding and division in the church over the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit?

### **Homework: Read John 16:4-15**

How is it to our advantage that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, instead of staying on earth in the flesh?

What is the evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work in lives in these verses?

What evidence of the work of the Spirit have you seen recently in God's church?

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Jesus promised the Disciples that they would not be left alone. He was sending someone, not something for their benefit. This person would provide them with comfort, strength and guidance. Read the following verses and record what you learn about the "person and activity" of the Holy Spirit:

**John 14:26**

**John 15:26**

**John 16:13**

**John 16:7, 8**

**Acts 8:39**

**Romans 8:14**

**Romans 8:16**

**Romans 8:26**

**Revelation 2:7**

The Holy Spirit bears all the attributes of personality: mind, will and emotion. Read the following verses that demonstrate these three qualities of the Holy Spirit's personhood.

**Mind:**

Romans 8:27

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

**Emotions:**

Ephesians 4:30

**Will:**

1 Corinthians 12:11

We make a tragic mistake when we ask for Holy Spirit power without understanding that it comes through the Holy Spirit **Person!** No one likes to be used, manipulated and taken for granted. When we focus on the Spirit's power, we are in danger of missing the Person and intimate presence of the Holy Spirit. Read the following verses and summarize what it reveals about the Spirit.

**Isaiah 40:13**

**Psalms 139:7**

**Job 33:4**

Write a prayer expressing your gratitude for God's personal and present Holy Spirit:

**Memory Verse:** *John 16:7 (NIV) "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."*



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