

Holy Spirit: The New in You

***There is something better waiting for you. God wants to do something new in you.
Will you seek Him for the new?!***

This has been our focus for the 40 days of prayer and fasting:

- 1) **A New Prayer Life.** (Prayer partners are being found in Weekly Prayer Groups)
- 2) **A New Love for the Word.** (Writings of John)
- 3) **A New Model for Worship.** (Pastor Shawn taught us about our need to Break the Bottle of Worship – WOW!)

*Acts 2:17 NIV 'In the last days, God says, I will **pour out my Spirit** on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

That is our prayer, “**God pour your Spirit out on us!**”

In Chapters 13-17 upper room discourse, I find 3 main teaching Jesus gives his disciples.

All 3 Teachings Mark Something New

1) A new love for one another.

- After washing their feet: *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34).*

2) A new oneness with the Father.

- *John 14* Jesus told them “*I am the way to the Father*”. (show us the Father) “*if you have seen me you’ve seen the Father*”
- *John 17* (High Priestly Prayer) John records, Jesus’s prayer for his disciples and for us! (right before his crucifixion) “*My prayer is **not for them alone**. I pray also for **those who will believe in me** through their message, **21** that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. **May they also be in us...**” (Jn 17:20, 21)*

3) A new relationship with the Holy Spirit.

- Jesus Came with two big assignments (*one of them is preached and one is often overlooked*)
 - **Deliver us from the power of sin.**
 - **Deliver to us the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- John the Baptist saw this clearly...
 - John declared it: “*Behold the Lamb of God who **takes away the sins** of the world*” (Jn. 1:29 ESV), then he said, *I baptize with water for repentance, but this is he who **baptizes with the Holy Spirit*** (Jn 1:33)

A New Relationship With the Holy Spirit

Chapters 14, 15, & 16

*John 14:15-17 NIV “If you **love** me, keep my commands. **16** And I will ask the **Father**, and he will give you another **advocate** to help you and be with you forever—**17** the **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**.*

Notice the connection of the **new love** and the **oneness with the Father**.

John 14:26 NIV But the **Advocate, 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 15:26 NIV “When the **Advocate** comes, whom I will send to you **from the Father**—the **Spirit of truth** who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

John 16:7 NIV But very truly I tell you, it is **for your good that I am going away**. Unless I go away, the **Advocate** will not come to you; but if I go, **I will send him to you**.

The Advocate

- The original Greek translated **Advocate = Paraclete**
- Difficult to define in one English word, so various translations use different words for the Holy Spirit here: **Advocate** (niv), **Helper**, **Comforter**, and **Counselor**, but He is so much more than that!

“another advocate”

14:16 And I will ask the **Father**, and he will give you another **advocate** to help you and be with you forever...

- This means “another of the same kind”. **Jesus was the first advocate, and the Holy Spirit comes to fill his spot.**

1Jn 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, **Jesus Christ the righteous**.

- The Holy Spirit is the Son’s “Representative”
- Just as the Son was the Father’s “Representative and Revealer” the Spirit is the Son’s Representative and Revealer.

“He lives **with you** and **shall be in you**”

John 7:37-39 NIV On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” **39** By this he meant the Spirit, **whom those who believed in him were later to receive**. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Spirit in you – that is the NEW!

And you must notice this: Jesus was not limiting the infilling of the Holy Spirit to the 12, **he says “whom those who believed in him were later to receive”**

THAT’S US! THAT’S YOU!

“it is **good for you** that I am going away”

- **Jn 16:7** it is their advantage that he goes, so He could send them the Spirit.
- After they were Baptized in the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, **none of the apostles nor any of his followers ever considered themselves worse off after they were Baptized in the Holy Spirit**.
- We never see them whining or crying... “if only Jesus was here” “if only he hadn’t left us”
- After his ascension they went into the Upper Room afraid, divided, prayerless, begging Him to stay. But after they were filled with the Spirit they came out of there united, laser focused, bold, operating in the supernatural, and willing to gladly suffer for his name.
- They were transformed by the indwelling power of the Paraclete!
- Yes, they suffered and many even died for his name after doing great things!

Matthew preached Jesus until he killed by the sword **in Ethiopia**.

Mark died after being dragged thru the streets of **Alexandria**.

Luke was hanged on an olive tree **in Greece**.

Peter was crucified upside-down in **Rome**.

James, beheaded at **Jerusalem**

Bartholomew was skinned alive in **Armenia**.

Thomas was speared while preaching in **Southern India**.

John was boiled in oil, but escaped death in a miraculous manner, and was **banished to Isle of Patmos**.

Paul was beheaded at **Rome by the Emperor Nero**.

What Jesus was to His disciples, the Holy Spirit is to us!

1) He is your Advocate – He fights for you.

2) He is your Comforter – He brings hope to you.

Romans 15:13 ESV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

3) He is your Teacher – He reveals truth to you.

The way you love Jesus, you need to love the Holy Spirit.

The way you desire to know Jesus, you need to know the Holy Spirit.

The way you want Jesus in your life, you need to want the Holy Spirit.

Let's come into a new relationship with the Holy Spirit!