

## GOOD TO GREAT

JOHN 16:7 - ERIC SIMPSON - MARCH 17, 2019

*John 16:7 "...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."*

What does the Holy Spirit do?

- Applies Christ's life to our lives

"Christianity is hopeless without the Holy Spirit." - Samuel Chadwick (1860-1932)

*Colossians 1:27*

*...the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

- The Spirit possesses the power to change

To change "what is" to "what you long for it to be".

*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.*

- The Spirit is the fuel to press on when we want to quit

*Colossians 1:29*

*To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.*

"[The one who is all about discipline, control and accountability] He is lean and sharp and focused. He gets more done, has fewer mess-ups, can quote, with flawless accuracy, more Scripture. He just lacks joy. His faith and virtue sour with each passing year. He struggles with judging others and hating himself, the twin offspring of self-striving. He nurses, I suspect, bitterness toward God. His children are mostly silent, but have watchful, distrustful eyes.

[The one who seeks the Spirit] He garbles Scripture and can never remember what passage comes from where. He bumbles and ambles at times. He is earthy in a way some people find shocking. He could lose a few pounds, and sometimes forgets, midsentence, what he is talking about. But he abounds with joy. He gets sweeter by the day. He is one of the few people I know who truly loves sinners and hates sin, and people instantly sense it, sense they are safe with him. His love for God is as inviting as a blue lagoon and contagious as laughter. He is his children's hero." - Mark Buchanan