

WHEN GOD SPEAKS
JOHN 14:26 / 7-21-19 / AM

I. THERE ARE TWO TRUTHS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT ARE ESSENTIAL.

- A. The first essential truth is that the Holy Spirit isn't an "it", "power" or "force". He is a person.
1. For example, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as an "Advocate" or "Counselor" not a force or power—John 14:26.
 2. In this same verse Jesus says the Holy Spirit isn't just a voice but our teacher as in a person.
- B. The second essential truth is that the Holy Spirit isn't just any person, He is the third person of the Trinity and, therefore, as much God as the Father or the Son.
1. The Spirit is referred to as the third person of the Trinity—Matt. 28:20, and 1 Peter 1:2.
 2. Jesus promised He would send the Holy Spirit to us—Acts 1:5.
 3. Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-4.
 4. So today when a person accepts Christ as their Savior they also receive at the same time the Holy Spirit—Romans 8:9-11.

II. WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO?

- A. The Holy Spirit speaks on behalf of God—John 16:12-13 and Acts 13:2.
- B. How does the Holy Spirit speak to us today?
1. Primarily through the Bible, Prayer, Circumstances and the Church.
 2. However, the Holy Spirit also speaks inwardly to us—1 Kings 19:11-13 and Heb. 10:15-16.
- C. What does the Holy Spirit do for us?
1. He guides and instructs us—John 16:13.
 2. He teaches and reminds us of the things of God—Luke 12:12.
 3. He speaks through us—Mark 13:11.