



## **Within - Week 3 (Speaker: Pastor Rob King)**

### **Introduction**

**[Reader:** Group Leader]

The Holy Spirit “within” us is a gift of power from God. Jesus said he had to go away so that the Spirit might come to reside in those who believe. In **John 14:16-20** Jesus says:

“ 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[c] in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”

This week’s message is about why Jesus had to leave as well as three key works of the Holy Spirit.

Let’s open in prayer. **[Leader prays]** Here are the opening questions:

- Why do you think Jesus had to go away? How would you explain it to another person?

[Reader: The last person to arrive]

**Read John 16:7**

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.

Jesus was limited to time and space because He was fully human. The Holy Spirit can be in all places. By Jesus removing himself from earth, made it possible for ALL people to walk with God. He would reside each person. We are to lean on the Spirit, to be dependent upon Him.

Rob makes a statement that “Anyone who is trying to live the Christian life without help --- needs help.”

- What happens when we try to go it alone? To our plans? To our bodies? To our spirits?

**The Trinity's example**

[Reader: Person with the longest hair]

God exists in three persons. This is the doctrine of the Trinity, that is three distinct personalities rolled in a whole. They seem to prefer the other: Jesus gave way to the Holy Spirit; the Spirit relies on the Father to lead us; the Father sent His son who did only the Father's will. This could be called “corporate humility,” a beautiful and perfect picture of what church should and can be.

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[Reader: Person who most recently ate ice cream]

### **Read 1 Peter 1: 1-2**

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

### **Read John 15:26**

[ The Work of the Holy Spirit ] "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."

- What do these passages say about God's work on earth?
- In what way do you FEEL the Holy Spirit at work in your life? Do you have trouble knowing that He is at work? If so, why do you think that is?

[Reader: Person who drove the farthest]

**Read John 16:8-14 - as this is read, pick out a few key words or phrases**

“When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.”

- What key words stood out to you?
- How will all this work come about, according to this passage?

### **Three Key Workings of the Holy Spirit**

[Reader: Person whose leg is always fidgeting]

#### **1. Gathers**

In this passage Jesus talks about how the Holy Spirit will bring people to Christ. He convicts of sin. **Read Romans 8:1**

[ Life Through the Spirit ] Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

- What is the difference between condemnation and conviction?
- How have you experienced both of these?

Conviction always provides a way out. Condemnation does not; it is all about guilt. Conviction can bring salvation.

[Reader: favorite color is purple]

#### **2. Guides**

Rob called the Holy Spirit our “internal GPS.” God wants us to hear him every single day.

- How does this fact make you feel?
- Do you hear Him everyday? Or does life crowd Him out?
- When do you hear Him best?

**Read Romans 8:14**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

- Does this idea frighten you...just a little? Why do you think that is?
  - Let's all say together this truth: Since God led me here, I don't need to fear."
  - Remember, if it is God-led, then He will provide...in his time. (Consider Abraham being told to sacrifice Isaac. Read if you wish: Genesis 22: 1-18.)
- Since we are all called to Spirit-led lives, how might we grow in being guided by Him?

[Reader: Person who gets up the earliest]

### 3. Glorifies

In John 16, Jesus says the Holy Spirit's work will glorify him. **Read John 17:1**

[Jesus Prays to Be Glorified ] After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

He Jesus will glorify the Father and the Father glorifies the Son. See how the Trinity works in its corporate humility! Applied to our lives, this means that my living is not about me, but all about Him. If we are to grow in the image of Christ, ought we not leverage what we are blessed to have to bless the Father and others?

- Does this give you an pause?
- What might you do this week to glorify God?

[ Reader: Group Leader]

### Read James 4: 7-9

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

- According to this Scripture, how are we to be able to grow in the Spirit?

- Consider this week's message and our discussion. In which of the the three key workings of the Spirit do you need His leading the most? Where are you trying to go it alone? - Gather - Guide - Glorify

**Application:** What one step will you take this week to be better led by the Spirit in the area you chose? Share with group and report back next week on what happened!