



MINISTÈRE DU PASTEUR CLÉMENT SALOMON · BIBLE STUDY #6

The Holy Spirit: God With Us

You were never meant to walk this road alone

Before he left for work overseas, a husband wrote his phone number on a scrap of paper and pressed it into his wife's hand. "Call me if you need anything," he said. But a number on paper cannot hold your hand at two in the morning when the baby is burning with fever. She didn't need a number. She needed *him* — in the room, breathing the same air.

On the last night before the cross, Jesus' closest friends were facing that exact fear. He was leaving. Were they about to be left with nothing but memories and instructions? So Jesus made them a promise far bigger than a phone number.

The promise He made in the dark

"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever... he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

John 14:16-17 (KJV)

Read that last line again slowly. Not near you. Not above you. **In** you. Jesus said "*another* Comforter" — another One just like Himself. The word means Helper, Counselor, the Friend who stands beside you when you are too weak to stand alone. And notice the word "for ever." Not for a visit. Not until you disappoint Him. Forever.

He is Someone, not something

Many people picture the Holy Spirit as an energy, a feeling, a kind of electricity from heaven. The Bible speaks of Him very differently. He *guides*. He *speaks*. He can be *grieved*.

"When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth... and he will shew you things to come."

John 16:13 (KJV)

Electricity does not guide anyone. A Person does. That is why Peter could tell a man who had lied to the Spirit, "thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God" (Acts 5:3-4). And that is why Paul pleads, "grieve not the holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30). You cannot grieve a force. You can only grieve Someone who loves you.

And here is the beautiful part: the Spirit never draws attention to Himself. Jesus said of Him, "He shall glorify me" (John 16:14). Wherever the Holy Spirit is truly working, people fall in love with Jesus.

So what does He actually do?

Four things you can count on this week:

- **He teaches and reminds.** "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance" (John 14:26). That verse that surfaces in your mind at the exact moment you need it? That is not coincidence.
- **He guides you into truth.** "He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). He opens the Bible from the inside.
- **He prays for you when you have no words.** This one is for anyone who has sat down to pray and only cried.
- **He gives you power to speak about Jesus.** "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).

"The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Romans 8:26 (KJV)

Think of what that means. On the day your prayer is nothing but a sigh, Someone inside you is carrying that sigh straight to the Father — and He translates it perfectly.

How do I know He's really there?

Not by goosebumps. Not by noise. Jesus said the Spirit is like the wind — you cannot see it, but you can see what it moves (John 3:8). The proof grows quietly in your character:

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV)

Notice it says *fruit*, not machinery. Fruit is not manufactured; it is grown. You don't squeeze patience out of yourself by trying harder. You stay connected to Jesus, and the Spirit grows it in you — slowly, really, permanently. Ask the people who live with you; they will notice before you do.

You are holy ground

Now here is a truth that lifts the head of anyone who feels worthless today:

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

1 Corinthians 3:16 (KJV)

In the Old Testament, God's presence filled a temple of gold and stone, and people traveled for days just to stand near it. Today God chooses to live in **people**. In a tired mother. In a young man far from home. In you. You are not empty. You are not alone. You are inhabited by God Himself.

How do you receive Him?

You ask. That is all. Jesus made it almost embarrassingly simple:

"How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Luke 11:13 (KJV)

No ladder to climb. No fee. No waiting until you have cleaned yourself up — because cleaning you up is *His* work, not yours (Titus 3:5). You could stop reading right now, whisper "Lord, give me Your Holy Spirit," and mean it. He has never once said no to that prayer.

Before you close this — one question

Are you trying to live the Christian life on your own strength? You were never asked to. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). We would be honored to pray with you and open the Bible with you.

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Viewer Handout

The Holy Spirit: God With Us — pocket version

5 truths to remember

1. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would live with us and in us for ever (John 14:16-17).
2. The Spirit is a divine Person — He guides, speaks, and can be grieved (John 16:13; Ephesians 4:30).
3. He teaches us, reminds us of Jesus' words, and prays for us when we have no words (John 14:26; Romans 8:26).
4. He gives power to live for Jesus and to tell others about Him (Acts 1:8).
5. The evidence is fruit, not feelings — and your body is His temple (Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 3:16).

Memory verse

"He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

John 14:17 (KJV)

Think & pray about it

- Where am I trying to be strong on my own instead of asking for His help?
- Which fruit of the Spirit do I most want God to grow in me this month?
- Will I ask the Father today for the gift He is most willing to give (Luke 11:13)?

Presenter Bullet Sheet

- **Open with the story** (the phone number vs. the presence) — ask: "When did you most need someone to simply be *there*?"
- **Point 1 — The Promise:** John 14:16-17. "Another Comforter"; with you and *in* you; "for ever."
- **Point 2 — A Person, not a force:** John 16:13; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 5:3-4. He guides, speaks, can be grieved. He always glorifies Jesus (John 16:14).
- **Point 3 — What He does:** teaches and reminds (John 14:26); guides into truth (John 16:13); intercedes in our weakness (Romans 8:26); gives power to witness (Acts 1:8).
- **Point 4 — The evidence:** Galatians 5:22-23. Fruit is grown, not manufactured; character over sensation (John 3:8).
- **Point 5 — You are His temple:** 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19. Dignity and hope for the discouraged.
- **Point 6 — How to receive:** Luke 11:13. Simply ask; Titus 3:5 — He does the cleansing.
- **Appeal:** Invite each person to pray, "Lord, give me Your Holy Spirit." Offer prayer and Bible study.
- **Close:** Memory verse (John 14:17) + Zechariah 4:6 + tease the next topic ("Why Does God Allow Suffering?").

10 Myths vs. Facts

Myth	Fact (with Bible)
1. The Holy Spirit is just an impersonal force or energy.	He guides, speaks, and can be grieved — that is a Person (John 16:13; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 13:2).
2. The Holy Spirit is less than God.	Lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God (Acts 5:3-4); He is named with the Father and the Son (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).
3. The Spirit only appeared at Pentecost, for Bible times only.	He was active at creation (Genesis 1:2), and the promise is "to you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off" (Acts 2:38-39).
4. Only pastors and special people receive the Spirit.	The Father gives Him to anyone who asks (Luke 11:13), and every believer's body is His temple (1 Corinthians 6:19).
5. If I don't feel something dramatic, I don't have the Spirit.	The evidence is fruit — love, joy, peace (Galatians 5:22-23). Like the wind, He is unseen but real (John 3:8).
6. The Spirit's main work is spectacular signs.	His main work is to glorify Christ (John 16:14) and to convict of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8); gifts are given to serve others (1 Corinthians 12:7).
7. The Spirit may lead me into something that contradicts the Bible.	He is the Spirit of <i>truth</i> who moved the Bible writers; He never contradicts the Word (John 16:13; 2 Peter 1:21; John 17:17).
8. If I don't know how to pray, God can't hear me.	"The Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).
9. Receiving the Spirit means life will have no more struggles.	Jesus promised trouble in this world (John 16:33); the Spirit is called the Comforter who helps us in weakness (John 14:16; Romans 8:26).
10. The Spirit takes over and forces people.	He convicts and invites — and can be resisted or grieved (John 16:8; Acts 7:51; Ephesians 4:30). "The Spirit and the bride say, Come" (Revelation 22:17).

Where this comes from (Sources)

This study is built on the Bible and reflects the published beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Verify everything for yourself:

- The Bible — Holy Spirit passages: John 14:16-17, 26; 16:8, 13-14; Acts 1:8; 2:38-39; 5:3-4; Romans 8:14, 26; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 12:7; Luke 11:13; Ephesians 4:30; Zechariah 4:6 (King James Version, public domain).
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- 28 Fundamental Beliefs (2020 edition, PDF): <https://adventist.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ADV-28Beliefs2020.pdf>
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