

The Holy Spirit and Our Witness

John 14:15-31

1. In the past who was your favourite Sporting coach/ or mentor to you and Why?

Read JOHN 14:15-31

Note: The word for Holy Spirit is translated in different Bibles as Counselor, Comforter, or Helper. The Greek word “Parakletos”, means ‘someone who is called to assist’ and carries the idea of encouraging or exhorting. In secular Greek “Parakletos” meant a legal assistant or advocate, or witness or representative.

2. What do these verses tell us about the Holy Spirit?

Verse 16

Verse 17

Verse 18

Verse 23

Verse 25-26

3. We worship a God who is Trinity. A God who is three persons in one (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), who are distinct but not separate, for they indwell one another. List all the things mentioned in the passage that explain the “three in- oneness of God? See also 14:9-11

4. What amazing thing does the Holy Spirit do for the Christian according to verse 20, 23?

5. How does Jesus love for His Father show itself (14:31)?

6. What should our love of Jesus lead to and why (14:15)? Also see Ezekiel 36:24-28

7. What is the link between love, obedience, and the Holy Spirit's presence in us as the ‘Spirit of Truth’?

8. If someone isn't prepared to obey God's word (14:23-24) what might it show about their relationship with God?

Implications

9. In the light of the teaching in this passage how does the Holy Spirit help us to be growing up (Maturity) in Christ?

10. In the light of the teaching in this passage how does the Holy Spirit help us to be growing out (our witness to others) in Christ?

11. Given that the Holy Spirit is the ‘Spirit of Truth’ how can you allow Him to be more active in your life?

For further reflection if time permits (or privately later yourself)

What do the following verses tell you about the Holy Spirit's work in a Christian's life and our growth up and out in Christ?

John 3:3-6

1 Corinthians 12:13

Romans 8:26

Ephesians 1:13-14

Matthew 10:19-20

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Galatians 5:22-26