

4 Reasons the Holy Spirit was sent

Many think a study of the
Holy Spirit is:

- 1) Difficult
- 2) Impossible
- 3) Confusing

John 14:16

- And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

John 15:26

- But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

John 16:7

- Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
- Why was the Holy Spirit sent?

1 – Convict Sinners

- **John 16:8-11** 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
- 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me;
- 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;
- 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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- **Of what would He convict us?**
- **Convince men of sin** – John 16:9
- All sin – Romans 3:23
- Need to repent – Acts 17:30
- Filth of sin – 2 Peter 2:20-22
- Sins of the heart – James 1:14
- Danger of sin – James 1:15

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- The world is judged – Satan is judged
- There will be a final day of judgment

2 Guide the Apostles

- **John 16:13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.
- Jesus would soon be leaving earth
- The Spirit would guide them in teaching, writing and speaking

2 Guide the Apostles

- **Past** – remind them of all that Jesus said and did
- **Present** – Teach, preach, write
- **Future** – Show them things to come

3 Reveal Truth

- **1 Corinthians 2:6-8** 6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.
- 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,
- 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

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- **1 Corinthians 2:9-11** 9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
- 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.
- 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

3 Reveal Truth

- **1 Corinthians 2:12-13** 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.
- 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- The HS work – reveal, record, protect

4 Glorify Christ

- **John 16:14-17** 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.
- 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.
- 16 "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."
- 17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?"

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- The Spirit came to the apostles to inspire them
- To sinners to convict them
- And to Christians to comfort them.

The promise to you

- **Acts 2:28-39** 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."