

## THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT! JOHN 14:15-17

- **THE NECESSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...verse 15-16**
  - Last week we saw that our loving Jesus *results from* God's loving us first (**1 John 4:19**) and our believing the demonstration of that love at Calvary (**Romans 5:8**).
  - Our loving Jesus *results in* two things: #1) our love and faith inspired obedience AND #2) the Father's sending the Holy Spirit to us per Jesus' request!!!!
  - So...God loves us, we love Him back, we obey Him, and Jesus sends the Holy Spirit as a Helper!
  - We MUST be led by the Spirit in order to obey God!!!!
  - The Holy Spirit will be an ADDITIONAL counselor/helper/advocate...a legal term with a broader meaning than defense lawyer. It referred to any person that helped someone who was in trouble with the law
  - **Romans 8:26, 34, and Hebrews 7:25**
  - So...we have a person of the triune God, dwelling in us, to help us with our troubled heart trying to obey God's law! (**Romans 8:13**)
  - WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU? Are you dependent upon the Spirit? WHAT MIGHT THIS LOOK LIKE?
- **THE PERMANENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...verse 16b**
  - Once given, He will be with you FOREVER!!
  - This is such a relief...I can't run Him away. He is in covenant love with me to see me conformed to the image of Christ. He can be grieved/quenched...but NOT ran off!! (**1 Thessalonians 5:19, Eph. 4:30**)
  - We will always have a comforter with us. The disciples were beginning to lament and mourn in their troubled hearts because their Master, Savior, and Friend was about to leave them for a place they could not go. We, however, that know the comfort of the Spirit will never have to be apart from it!
  - Have you ever been someone, or seen someone, who REFUSED to be comforted?? It seemed as if they just WANTED to be upset? Don't be this way with God. LET the Spirit do His job. Yes, He saw what you did/how you acted, and STILL loves you!!

- We will ALWAYS have someone there to help us obey what we know is right in our new nature that is attacked viciously by our old nature!! (Romans 8:13 again, also Romans 7)
- DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THIS...THAT HIS LOVE FOR US IS A COVENENTAL LOVE?
- **THE ESSENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...verse 17a**
  - The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth!
  - Therefore, He will always be in line with the Word of God (**John 1:1**)...the Spirit "leads" us many times today to do things that contradict the Word...this is clearly not the Holy Spirit
  - Don't get caught up in this. A wise theologian once said assume everything you hear in your head or your heart is that deceitfully wicked thing living in you. You've been warned! (**Jeremiah 17:9**)
  - Be VERY careful saying you feel the Spirit led you to do something...if He didn't you are using His name and authority without His endorsement!!
  - HOWEVER, since the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, and He is God...He is IN on your salvation. He KNOWS you are justified and without guilt in God's eyes! Don't think He's mad at you. HIS patience is perfect as well as the Father and the Son!!
- **THE PROOF OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...verse 17b**
  - You "know" Him because you know He lives with you and in you
  - With you...do you see God's working things out around you? Verse 17 says the world CAN'T see this
  - In you...do you have a sense of God's Spirit speaking to your heart?? Guiding your soul? Restraining your flesh?? The world can't, doesn't, and won't until they respond to the Gospel!
  - IF you have the Holy Spirit assisting your obedience and faith in Christ, you are HIS!!
  - If those around you don't have the fruit of the Spirit evident in their lives, don't get upset with them! Pray for them...you have a Counselor that they don't have!!