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HOLY SPIRIT

- John 13-17 is known as the Upper Room Discourse, wherein Jesus is preparing His disciples for what is about to happen.
 - First, His physical departure.
 - Second, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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THE WORK OF JESUS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE LIVES OF EVERY BELIEVER

John 14:12-14 ESV *"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.*

What these verses say:

1. All of us who believe in Jesus will carry on with His work. There is no exclusion here if you are a Christian. The text says, *"Whoever believes in me."*
2. In some wonderful way, we will all do something greater than the works of Jesus.
3. We will have access in prayer to Jesus so that we can ask for and receive everything we need.

In other words, this is normal Christianity. This is what it means to be a Christian - to do the works Jesus did.

DOING GREATER WORKS THAN JESUS

- When Jesus said, *"Whoever believes in me . . . greater works than these will he do because I go to the Father,"* he probably did not mean that every Christian was expected to do things more miraculous than Jesus – No Christian has ever done this.
- Jesus is referring to what would happen when He ascended into heaven and poured out the Holy Spirit.
- What happened on the day of Pentecost was greater than anything that had happened in the ministry of Jesus.
- Jesus was thinking of the amazing works of outreach and evangelism that we will do!

EVERYTHING WE NEED, WE CAN ASK FOR AND RECEIVE

Verses 13-14: *Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.*

- Jesus assures us that the power of prayer is almost unlimited. Anything Jesus agrees with, anything that can be asked in His Name, will be done for us.
- In a real sense, the first Helper is still involved in our lives and ministry through prayer.

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JESUS PROMISES ANOTHER HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 14:16-17 *ESV And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

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John 14:18-20 *ESV*

(18) "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (19) Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. (20) In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

HE SEES AN ORPHAN AND SAYS: "I WILL ADOPT YOU!"

Romans 8:15 NLT *So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."*

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John 14:25-26 ESV

(25) *"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. (26) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

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1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
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1. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- **The Holy Spirit is a Person.** Not a force or an "it".

Verse 17. *"Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "*

- This **is how the Kingdom comes.**

Luke 17:20-21 ESV *Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."*

Luke 17:21 NKJV *nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.*"

- "Another" is exactly like an equally divine person with Jesus and the Father.

Verse 16. *"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever..."*

Greek: *allos* or *heteros*

- On the one hand, Jesus is saying *"I am going away"*, and on the other hand, Jesus is saying *"When the Holy Spirit comes, the Father and I will be coming to you."*

Verse 18. *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."*

- The Doctrine of the Trinity
 - The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not three Gods but one God.
 - The one God in three Persons. When you get the one, you get them

all.

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2. WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES

It is Important to Know that...

- I cannot become a Christian unless I am born again (made spiritually alive), regenerated - quickened by God's Holy Spirit.
- I cannot live as a Christian unless I am Indwelt by the Holy Spirit - I cannot bear God's image and bear the fruit that will glorify Him without the Holy Spirit living in me.
- He is a person with whom I should build a relationship. He is God in me.
- Example:
 - "Good Morning Holy Spirit" Benny Hinn
 - Linda and I.
 - I must learn to walk in partnership with God. Holy Spirit is the Senior Partner.

- The Holy Spirit can be resisted, quenched, and grieved.

Apart from this indwelling, the Holy Spirit also **EMPOWERS us to do what He has called us to do.**

- This is referred to as the Baptism or infilling with the Holy Spirit.
- This is over and above the regeneration and indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- The principle is this: God does not have us serve His purposes without His anointing or empowerment.
- It was so in the **Old Testament** and with **John the Baptist**, with Jesus when the heavens opened, and Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the **form of a dove** and remember the early disciples had to **wait in Jerusalem** to be empowered by Holy Spirit after He has given them their assignment.
- It is important that we are willing and ready to serve God's mission - God places a hunger inside of us.

Be Careful... the gift of the Holy Spirit is power for service and not for self-glorification!

Acts 8:18-21 *ESV Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, (19) saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." (20) But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! (21) You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.*

• **Ultimate Friend**

Verse 16: *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper...*

Verse 26: *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name...*

Helper... Advocate... Counsellor... Comforter... A word so rich the English language cannot fully express it.

Greek: *parakaleo* : para - alongside; kaleo - to declare, to argue a case.

The Holy Spirit is a real friend - the Ultimate Friend.

- Always with you!
- Always for you!
- Willing to argue with you - argues against the enemies in your life and in your heart.
- Makes a case to you. Advocate.
- Bears witness to the truth.
- The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin when we are blind to our own sin.
- He sees everything in your life!
- Illustration: Parent of a drug addict. We are addicted to sin. The Holy Spirit is not going to let you alone.

Philippians 1:6 ESV *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

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3. HOW TO RECEIVE WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES

John 7:37-39 *On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

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- o Thirst
- o Come to Jesus
- o Drink
- o Believe
- o Out of his heart will flow...