

## The Fullness of the Spirit The Case for the Holy Spirit

### Introduction:

1. Story of comforter
2. Silent divorce in the church
3. Prophecy of Smith Wigglesworth

### Set Aside:

1. We like to think we are reasonable and objective
2. **Jeremiah 17:9 says "the heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure - who can understand it?"**
3. We all have been shaped by a myriad of different influences
4. Many Christians belief system is not derived from a patient study of scripture
5. Someone once said this - "*man has two great spiritual needs - one is to know and experience forgiveness and the other is for goodness.*"
6. God has heard our first cry for help, that cry for forgiveness and answered it through His Son Jesus Christ and the second cry for goodness
7. God does not and has not designed that once we become Christians that we lead a life like the one we have been living.
8. He does not want us to lead a life of defeat and discouragement
9. Rather, He wants to as **2 Thess 1:11-12 says "fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power in order that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you"**
10. To the great gift of forgiveness God adds the great gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in this life.
11. Quote from Johnathan Edwards

### An important Question:

1. What is one of the most amazing verses in the bible?
2. **John 14 to 16** is sometimes called the last discourse
3. He's about to leave them, and he's trying to prepare them for his imminent departure, and this is what he says: - **John 16:7 "I tell you the truth, it is for your good that I am going away."**
4. He goes on to say "**unless I go, the Counselor will not come to you, but if I go I will send him to you**"
5. Think about the disciples when they heard that

### The Ministry of the Holy Spirit:

1. **John 16:12. Jesus says, "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own. He will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you."**
2. The Holy Spirit is the funnel through which all the blessings of God come
3. The Christian life is life in the Spirit
4. **John 14:16. "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever,"** another parakletos.
5. **John 14:17 "The world cannot accept because it neither sees him nor knows him, but you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."**

6. I am so jealous for us all to have it, for you to have this hunger and so walk in the fullness of everything God has in-store for you
7. Today I want to ask today that you deliberately, intentionally invite the Holy Spirit to become your permanent in-residence counselor.

### The Work of the Holy Spirit:

I want to point out three things that the Spirit does:

1. He offers Guidance:
  - Verse 26 *"I'm writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you."*
  - What John's saying here is, *"You all have the Spirit. Don't be like sheep and let somebody intimidate you by claiming spiritual superiority"*
  - **John 16:13. Jesus makes this amazing statement: "But when he, the spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth."**
2. He offers Wisdom:
  - We often ask for wisdom, but do we stop and listen?
3. He is the Power Source
  - **Ephesians 3:16, "I pray that out of his" -- that is, God's -- "glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit. In your inner being, at core of who are," Paul says, "I pray that you will be made powerful, not on your own but by the Holy Spirit that gives us power."**
  - **Acts 1:8, "But you will receive" -- what? -- "power." When? "When the Holy Spirit comes on you." And what'll happen then? "Then you'll be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria until the ends of the earth."**
  - **Ezekiel 37:9 "Prophesy of the breath, this is what the sovereign Lord says Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain that they may live and God says, "That's what I will do for my people. I will make my Spirit come on them and they will live."**

### The Great Counselor:

1. What are you trying to do that you couldn't do apart from the greatest counselor?
2. We have been sealed in the Spirit
3. **Ephesians 1:13, "Having believed, you are marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession to the praise of his glory."**

### Acceptance and Approval:

1. **Romans 8:15. Paul says, "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of Sonship, and by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"**
2. **Romans 8:26. "In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness, we do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."**
3. Story of Allison
4. The Holy Spirit throws his arms around you and says, *"I'm going to share your deepest hurts and frustrations. You're not alone. You're not alone. If you'll just let me, we'll do it together."*

