

The New Testament Church  
*The Holy Spirit #3 – The Work of the Spirit – John 16*  
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I Review of John 14-15 – Jesus teaching on the Holy Spirit’s “job description”

- A. The Holy Spirit is God - the one (transcendant) and many (imminent)
  - 1. Elohim – singular and plural word in Hebrew – one and many
    - a. Doctrinally - *The Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from the Father and Son*
    - b. Practically – *The Holy Spirit is the breath or wind of God that empowers believers*
  - 2. Jn. 20:21-22 – Jesus appeared – *peace I give you, receive the Holy Spirit – regenerated*
  - 3. Acts 2:1-4 – The day of Pentecost – *be baptized in the Holy Spirit - empowerment*
- B. John 14 - The “helper” is *parakleton* (“a calling near”) which has two distinct meanings:
  - 1. *Supplication, entreaty, exhortation, encouragement, counsel, instructor (**comforter**)*
  - 2. *One who pleads another’s cause before a judge, an advocate (defense **attorney**)*
  - 3. The Great Transition following Jesus in the flesh to following Him in the Spirit
- C. John 15 - Abiding in Christ – the **comforter** – an experiential help to live in the Holy Spirit
  - 1. Christ the vine, Father is vinedresser (gardener), the Spirit brings water and minerals
  - 2. The root (water and minerals) brings Christ’s character in our hearts by the Holy Spirit
  - 3. Pruning (the cross) – dead branches – sin, distractions - to enhance the flow of the Spirit

II John 16 – The Work of the Spirit - **attorney**

- A. John 16:5-15 – Sin, righteousness and judgment (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:17 – begins in the Church)
  - 1. As an **attorney**, the Holy Spirit “convicts” the conscience of the believer...
    - a. Convict/reprove – *elencho – convict, refute – (cross-examine) transgressors of law*
    - b. ...*convincing the unbeliever of his sinful state – crime, fault, error*
    - c. Psalm 19:14 – *Let my words and my heart be acceptable in your sight*
    - d. Psalm 139:23-24 – *Search me, O God... see if there is any wicked way in me...*
  - 2. He will **convict** the world of **sin** – *because the world does not believe in Jesus*
    - a. Conviction of sin – a deep heart-felt guilt – forgiveness and grace
    - b. *As disciples, we need to prepare to lead people to Christ – forgiveness and grace*
  - 3. He will **convict** the world of **righteousness** – *the world sees Him no more*
    - a. Righteous – what is right – holy – being right with God by the Spirit
    - b. *As disciples, our lives are banners of righteousness (His Law) because of Christ*
  - 4. He will **convict** the world of **judgment** – *because the ruler of this world is judged*
    - a. Judgment on the works of darkness begins with an exposure of evil in our lives
    - b. *As disciples, we live in victory because the ruler of darkness only reigns by default!*
  - 5. I still have many things to say – but you can’t bear it now (understand it)
    - a. The Spirit will **guide you into all truth** – (separating soul thoughts and spirit intents)
    - b. He will take of Mine – and share it with you – the Spirit confirms the Word
- B. John 16:16-24 – A little while and you will not see me, and then you will see me
  - 1. You will weep and lament that I am gone, turned to joy in the Holy Spirit’s arrival
  - 2. You will be able to ask “**in my name**” (will) and receive – the Spirit is “in **His** Name”
- C. John 16:25-33 – I have come to reveal the Father (1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4; 5:4-5)
  - 1. I have spoken figuratively, but now plainly – I came from the Father – back to Him
  - 2. You will be scattered and leave me alone, in the world tribulation, but I give peace
  - 3. **I have overcome the world**, which means that we can overcome the world as well.