

The New Testament Church
The Holy Spirit #4 – Overcoming the World – John 17
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I Review of John 14-16 – 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 Great Transition is bringing the Holy Spirit - *parakleton* (“a calling near”)
 - 1. *Supplication, entreaty, exhortation, encouragement, counsel, instructor (**comforter**)*
 - 2. *One who pleads another’s cause before a judge, an advocate (defense **attorney**)*
- C. John 15 - Abiding in Christ – the **comforter** – an experiential help to live in the Holy Spirit
 - 1. Christ the vine, Father the vinedresser (gardener), the Spirit brings water and minerals
 - 2. Pruning (cross) cuts out sin and distractions enhancing the flow of the Spirit outward
- D. John 16 – The work of the Spirit as **attorney** – convicting of sin, righteousness, judgment
 - 1. The Spirit defends our position in Christ – based on our conversion and regeneration
 - 2. The Spirit goes deep into our conscience to cross-examine our motives of sin, our example in righteousness, and our waging war with the enemy (in His name or our own)

II John 17 – Overcoming the World – *how the Holy Spirit help us be in the world but not of it*

- A. John 16 ended declaring that Jesus **overcame the world** and if we are in Him, we can also
- B. John 17:1-5 – *Restore the **glory** of the Son (weight of His character) as it was before...*
 - 1. Jesus prays in the Spirit, asking the Father to restore His glory as it was before
 - 2. Jesus was given authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to those He was given
 - 3. This is eternal life – *to know You, the true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent*
- C. John 17:6-8 – *I have **manifested your name**... and they have kept your word*
 - 1. All things given the Son had came from the Father – the Son was “sent”
 - 2. The Son was the model disciple – we are all to manifest His name (His character)
- D. John 17:9-18 – *I pray for **them**, those you have given me – I pray not for the world*
 - 1. By the “world” the Bible means *the ideas and systems created by man without God*
 - 2. The world is to be influenced by Christ in believers – without it, evil takes over
 - 3. Those whom the Father gave Christ on earth, He kept (except the “son of perdition”)
 - 4. Galatians 6:14 – *by the Cross – world crucified unto me, and I (crucified) to the world*
 - a. The world crucified unto me – we must be converted, born again - regenerated
 - 1. We are given Christ – the Word – and Spirit – our position is *not of the world*
 - 2. Keep them from the Evil one – experience - *worldliness* taken out of us
 - b. I am crucified unto the world – we must be sanctified, becoming like Christ
 - 1. We are sent into the world as He was – position - *in the world* (light of world)
 - 2. We bring *truth* in the *spirit of grace* – experience – sanctified mind / character
- E. John 17:19-26 – *I pray these things for all who will believe “through their word”*
 - 1. That believers may be “one” as the Father, Son and Spirit are “one”
 - 2. That the *world may know that the Father sent the Son* – a unified diversity of Christ!
 - 3. How? *That the love with which you loved Me may be in them, and I in them!* (v. 26)