



john 15:4  
**Abide in ME**



Bible studies for disciples who make disciples

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**Christ in You: *Enjoying Our Union with Christ***

The DNA of the Holy Spirit  
John 14:16-20; Romans 8:9-11

God has always wanted to be present with His people. He walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. When the Israelites fled Egypt, He led them with a pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. When Solomon completed the Temple, the people said, "God dwells in our midst." The Israelites even had a name for God: *Jehovah Shammah*, which means, "The God Who is Here." When Jesus was born, the angel called His name "Immanuel," which means, "God *with* us." Then, before He left earth, Jesus said He would be closer than ever by the Holy Spirit—who is God *in* us. In his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul affirmed what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit who now dwells in you."

**Read the two main texts from Sunday's message:**

John 14:16-20

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Romans 8:9-11

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**STUDY NOTE**

The Upper Room Discourse in John 14-16 records the final words of Jesus to His disciples before His crucifixion. The very setting that night suggests His teaching to be the most important things He communicated to His disciples. It is significant that in His dialogue with them Jesus mentioned the Holy Spirit at least 20 times. One of the greatest promises Jesus ever gave was the promise of the Holy Spirit.

## **I. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A PERSON**

1. How does Jesus speak of the Holy Spirit in a way that emphasizes His Personhood?
2. Read the following passages to discover some of the qualities or behaviors the Holy Spirit exhibits that reveal His identity as a Person.

Acts 7:51

Ephesians 4:30

Acts 5:3-4

1 Thessalonians 4:19

3. What difference does it make for us to know the Holy Spirit as a Person and not as a mere power or force?

## **II. THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

### **STUDY NOTE**

The Trinity is one of the most incredible realities worthy of our deepest contemplation. The Trinity is not the belief in three equal Gods, but one God in three distinct, equal Persons. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead, but He is not third in rank or priority. He is not less than God. He is God. Furthermore, the Father is not the Son and the Son is not the Spirit.

4. Why is it important to understand that the Holy Spirit is equal to the Father and the Son?
5. Read Romans 8:9-11. Why does Paul call the Spirit the “Spirit of God” and the “Spirit of Christ?” What do those Names imply about Jesus?

## **III. THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **STUDY NOTE**

Jesus is so one with the Holy Spirit that when the Holy Spirit comes into your life Jesus has come into your life! Jesus said, “I will come to you.” If your faith is in Jesus, the Holy Spirit also dwells within you. In John 16:7, Jesus told His disciples that it was to their advantage that He go away so that the Holy Spirit could come.

6. Where does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will live? How is this different than where the Holy Spirit has lived in the past?

7. How is this an advantage to you? How do you grasp the reality of what Jesus said?

### STUDY NOTE

The Holy Spirit is the Personal, Divine Resident of the Christian's heart. In John 14:16, Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you *another Helper*, to be with you forever." The Greek words for these two terms (*allos* and *paracletes*, respectively) are important in understanding who the Holy Spirit is. *Allos* means "another of the same kind." *Paraclete* means "Helper" or "Advocate." Jesus is our Advocate and so is the Holy Spirit.

8. Recall from Sunday's message, what does an advocate do? (see also John 15:26 and 1 John 2:1).

9. If someone asked you about the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, what would you say? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life?

10. Read John 14:16-17. What other Name does Jesus give the Holy Spirit? Jesus is teaching that the Holy Spirit is the primary author of the Bible. What other role does the Holy Spirit have in our lives regarding truth?

11. The Holy Spirit is the Author of objective truth and the Author of subjective truth. He makes the Word come alive to you. What is the difference between accumulating truth and appropriating truth?

### CONCLUSION

12. Paul says that "he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." Is this fulfilled in this life or in the life to come (or both)? Consider Galatians 2:20 and explain your answer.

13. Jesus did not send the Holy Spirit so that we might have a suitable replacement in His absence, but that we might enjoy the actual presence of Christ. How will you appropriate that truth in your life this week?

Sermon Notes: *The DNA of the Holy Spirit*

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**BIBLE RECAP**  
BY D-GROUP

Sunday, January 31 thru Saturday, February 6, 2021

Exodus 4-6, Exodus 7-9, Exodus 10-12, Exodus 13-15,  
Exodus 16-18, Exodus 19-21, Exodus 22-24

