

Introduction

1. When I was a student in Bible college Dr. Earl Radmacher was invited speak on Holy Spirit.
 - a. The vice president who invited him said over the phone, ***“Don’t be controversial.”***
 - b. Dr. Radmacher said to us, ***The HS is most controversial subject in the church today.***
 - c. ***It is not possible to speak on the Holy Spirit and not be controversial.¹***
2. I have a pastor acquaintance I used to interact with occasionally.
 - a. In his conversation he often referred to having ***Holy Ghost goose bumps.***
 - b. I like this man and wouldn’t want to embarrass him, but I’ve never heard of such a thing.
 - c. What are ***Holy Ghost goose bumps*** & where does the Bible talk like that?
 - d. I’ve had goose bumps, but never thot to associate them with the Holy Spirit.
 - e. And is that what the Holy Spirit was sent for, to make me feel goose bumpy all over?
3. This is kind of confusion that Dr. Radmacher was talking about regarding the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Many Christians ***have no positive ideas of any sort about what He does.²***
 - b. This is why in His final teaching before the cross Jesus instructed His disciples on HS.
 - c. There are 5 passages in John 14, 15, 16 about the Holy Spirit. (Show Title/Text)
 - d. These texts contain some of most important teaching in Bible on ministry of Holy Spirit.

I. Holy Spirit is given to enable us to love & obey Jesus, vv. 15-17.

A. Jesus’ Axiom, v. 15.

1. This = 1st time our love for Jesus is spoken of in Gospel of John.
 - a. It is the central concern in Christian living. Christian living = loving Jesus; keeping...
 - b. Central thot in vv. 15-24. 3xs. positive, vv. 15, 21, 23. 1x. negative, v. 24.
2. This is another way of stating the Great Commandment, Mark 12:29-31.
3. This is why God has saved us so that we may love Him and obey Him.
4. Clearly this is something we can’t do on our own. Need resource of divine proportions.³
5. Every so often there are certain statements that so strike you, you never forget. (Show)
 - a. ***The Christian life is not hard; it’s impossible. Jesus calls us to do the impossible. It’s not merely difficult. It is not simply a struggle. It’s not just hard. It’s impossible.⁴***
 - b. ***The Only Person who has ever lived the Christian life is Jesus Christ.***
 - c. We can’t do it; only He can do it. So He has to live the Christian life in us.
 - d. Since He has returned to heaven, we need someone like Him to enable us.
 - e. So Jesus has requested that the Father give the Holy Spirit to every believer.

B. Jesus’ Request of the Father, the Holy Spirit, vv. 16-17.

1. **The Holy Spirit is a person.**
 - a. Notice 3xs. referred to as **HIM** and one time called **HE**.
 - b. When JWs come to your door and say HS is a power or force, they are wrong.
 - i. Holy Spirit not like *Star Wars* ***“the force be with you.”***

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² J. I. Packer, *Knowing God* (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1973), 60. Boice, J. M. (2005). *The Gospel of John: an expository commentary* (p. 1111). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.

³ Borchert, G. L. (2002). *John 12–21* (Vol. 25B, p. 122). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

⁴ Charles Stanely as quoted by Don Overstreet (2009), *Sent Out*, Bloomington, IN, Crossbooks, p. 184.

- ii. It is not whoever is skillful enough to harness/manipulate force be successful.
 - c. Christian life is a personal relationship. It is learning to relate to a person.
 - i. Jesus says "You know him" It is an experiential knowledge of another person.
 - ii. It is learning to understand HS's will, the direction He is going.
 - iii. It is learning to accept His leadership & submitting to His purposes & control.
 - d. **Surrender is essential because the Spirit-filled life is a relationship. It is not a military mission where we are handed an assignment and expected to carry it out. The Spirit-filled life is a moment-by-moment relationship characterized by dependency on the Holy Spirit. And surrender is the foundation upon which that unique relationship is built and maintained.**⁵
 - e. We don't surrender to an impersonal force, but an intelligent, loving person.
2. **The Holy Spirit is a divine person – God.**
- a. When Jesus said the Holy Spirit would be **another Helper**, very significant terms.
 - i. **Helper = paraclete.** 1 John 2:1 is only other place where word occurs.
 - ii. Here it refers to Jesus and His role as our advocate in heaven.
 - iii. Jesus is our paraclete in heaven; the Holy Spirit is our paraclete on earth.
 - b. This is why Jesus uses the term for **"another"** that He does in v. 16.
 - i. **Allos** expresses a numerical difference and denotes "another of the same sort";
 - ii. **Heteros** expresses a qualitative difference & denotes "another of a different sort."
 - iii. Christ promised to send "another" (**allos**, "another like Himself," not **heteros**).⁶
 - c. **Another** = another of the same kind, not a different kind.
 - d. The only way this could be true is if the Holy Spirit is God just like Jesus is.
 - e. Notice in this chp. Jesus started w/Father, v. 2, then the Son, v. 10, now Holy Spirit.
 - i. All are distinct, but coequal, coeternal and of the very same nature.
 - ii. This was very encouraging to the disciples because Jesus was God, but leaving.
 - iii. But the one He was sending was also God so they would not miss anything.
 - f. To have Holy Spirit is same as though Jesus Himself were physically present w/us.
 - g. He is fully adequate for all the needs of our spiritual life.
3. **The Holy Spirit is a permanent Indweller.**
- a. Last sentence in v. 17 is amazing promise. **With you = beside you.**
 - i. Since Jesus was filled w/Spirit as long as with disciples HS was beside them.
 - ii. But once Jesus left, a new relationship would begin. He would be *in you*.
 - iii. The same Spirit that was beside them would now be inside them.
 - b. Notice this indwelling is forever. It is permanent.
 - c. Bible knows of no temporary indwelling. HS does not come & go.
 - d. **No orphans in the family of God, no abandoned people with no place to turn.**
 - e. **The Holy Spirit will be a constant presence of Jesus with all believers.**⁷
 - f. Bible teacher Gerald Borchert encountered professional football player in high school.

⁵ Ibid., p. 183.

⁶ Vine, W. E., Unger, M. F., & White, W., Jr. (1996). *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Vol. 2, p. 29). Nashville, TN: T. Nelson.

⁷ Gangel, K. O. (2000). *John* (Vol. 4, p. 268). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

- i. Took him to this passage & tried to convince that he had Spirit “with” him.
 - ii. But now he needed to experience Spirit “in” him. Needed greater work of Spirit.⁸
 - iii. He needed more of the Spirit than received at salvation.
 - g. But notice we all receive the Spirit in His entirety so nothing more is needed.
 - h. He was beside you, but now will be in you – all of Him, in His fullness, all believers.
4. **The Holy Spirit is a divine Enabler.**
- a. Paraclete = comforter, counselor, advocate, strengthener, helper.
 - b. I like the term **Enabler** because it comes closest to meaning of Greek word.
 - c. lit., “called to one’s side.” i.e., to one’s aid, the capability for giving aid.⁹
 - d. Love poster built around Greek word **PARACLETOS** that shows how HS enables.¹⁰
 - i. Declares things to come; guides into all truth; teaches everything; glorifies Christ;
 - ii. Proves world wrong of sin, righteousness & judgment; reminds of all Jesus said
 - e. But let me take you one step further. Let me whet your appetite for part 2 in vv. 19-24.
 - i. The Holy Spirit imparts Jesus’ resurrection life to us, v. 19.
 - ii. The Holy Spirit testifies that we belong to Father and Son, v. 20.
 - iii. The Holy Spirit sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts, v. 21.
 - iv. The Holy Spirit enables ever increasing intimacy with Father & Son, vv. 21-23.
 - v. The Holy Spirit distinguishes us from the nonbelieving world, v. 24.
 - f. Disciples experience more after Jesus left than while He was with them.
 - g. And we experience more now than they did when He walked with them on earth.
 - h. One of my favorite images of HS is a man who saw in distance man pumping water.¹¹
 - 1) But as watched noticed man never got tired; kept pumping & pumping.
 - 2) Walked across field to see. As got closer realized not a man at all.
 - 3) It was a wood cutout of a man. Arm hinged at elbow w/hand wired at handle.
 - 4) The wood man wasn’t pumping well at all. It was an artesian well.¹²
 - 5) The man wasn’t pumping the water; water pumping him.¹³
 - i. This is what we have with the HS. It is not our efforts working for God.
 - j. It’s Holy Spirit’s efforts working in us. What we have to do is keep hand on handle.

⁸ Borchert, G. L. (2002). *John 12–21* (Vol. 25B, p. 120). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

⁹ Vine, W. E., Unger, M. F., & White, W., Jr. (1996). *Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Vol. 2, p. 111). Nashville, TN: T. Nelson.

¹⁰ http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_vXf_SiqhgM/THcPEMdei9I/AAAAAAAAAN8/cka11hJ-MkY/s1600/Paraclete.jpg.

¹¹ [http://i.ebayimg.com/00/s/NTY2WDg0OQ==/z/dPEAAOSwpDdVWgeh/\\$ 32.JPG?set_id=880000500F](http://i.ebayimg.com/00/s/NTY2WDg0OQ==/z/dPEAAOSwpDdVWgeh/$ 32.JPG?set_id=880000500F).

¹² <http://www.daleswater.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Artesian-head-on-new-borehole.jpg>.

¹³ “Holy Spirit, Filling of,” Michael P. Green. (2000). *1500 illustrations for biblical preaching*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.