



# THE HOLY SPIRIT

## Part 2

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Life lived in the power and direction of the Holy Spirit is a blessing, one that should never be taken for granted. But that blessing comes with a qualifying condition.

**Read the following verses and underline the qualifying condition for receiving help from the Holy Spirit:**

**John 14:15–18 (NLT)** - “If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.”

### OBSERVATIONS FROM JOHN 14:15-18:

#### Obedience

- We welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives through our obedience.
- **John 14:15** - “If you love me, obey my commandments.”
- Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, but obedience is the key to receiving Him.

#### Advocate

- The Holy Spirit is an Advocate, not an Assistant.

**How would you describe the difference between an advocate and an assistant?**

- The Advocate speaks the truth and testifies about Jesus. It’s His agenda that matters, not ours.
- **John 15:26 (NIV)** - “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.”

#### Reminder

- The Holy Spirit is our divine reminder of the most important information.
- **John 14:26 (NLT)** - “But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative— that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”
- The Holy Spirit reminds God’s people about His Word and makes it come alive to us.

### THREE THINGS THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR ADVOCATE DOES FOR US:

#### 1. THE HOLY SPIRIT ENERGIZES US WITH \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 27:1 (NLT)** - “The LORD is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?”

- When times are difficult it’s easy to listen to ourselves rather than the truth of God’s Word. But the Holy Spirit brings hope, power, and confidence amid uncertainty.

**God speaks through ideas from the Holy Spirit.**

**When have you had an idea or a moment of inspiration that you knew could have only come from God?**

**The Holy Spirit will bring God’s truth to mind.**

- **John 14:26 (Phillips)** - “But the one who is coming to stand by you, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will be your teacher and will bring to your minds all that I have said to you.”

### **The Holy Spirit speaks directly to our minds.**

- When we read, study, and fill our minds with God’s Word, we store the truth in our minds, and then the Holy Spirit can bring it to mind at just the right time.

**What verse from the Bible most easily comes to your mind when you need help from God?**

## **2. THE HOLY SPIRIT ENRICHES US WITH \_\_\_\_\_**

### **What is love?**

- Affection—takes delight in affirming others.
- Friendship—Deeply felt; togetherness; a sense of joy when two people are together.
- *Eros*—a romantic, passionate kind of love; a love between lovers, those who are “in love.”
- *Agape*—Highest form of love; gift love.
- Agape love longs to give what’s best unconditionally and regardless of the cost; selfless; seeking the highest good for the other person! This love finds its fullest expression in God’s love toward us.

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:1–8, 13**

### **A GOOD STRATEGY FOR LOVING OTHERS WELL:**

- **Accept others for who they are, not who you want them to be.**
- **Be patient with people’s progress.**
  - **Philippians 1:6 (NIV)** - “Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
- **Connect with others when they hurt.**
  - **Romans 12:15 (NIV)** - “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”
- **Desire the best for others.**
  - **Philippians 1:8 (NIV)** - “*God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.*”
  - **Romans 5:5 (GNT)** - “This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God’s gift to us.”
- **Erase all offenses.**

## **3. THE HOLY SPIRIT ENLIGHTENS US WITH A PROPER \_\_\_\_\_**

Perspective shapes how we see things. It influences our actions, shapes our thinking, and ultimately impacts our lives. The Holy Spirit helps us keep life in perspective by bringing the truth of God’s Word to our minds.

### **If circumstances have you...**

- Feeling lonely - Hebrews 13:5
- Feeling insecure - Psalm 16:8–9, Isaiah 43:2
- Feeling uncertain - Job 13:27, Isaiah 43:2
- Feeling depressed - Psalm 34:18

**We can't allow circumstances to skew our perspectives or cause us to question if God is near. Take the time to look up the verses above and commit to memorizing one this week.**

**Psalm 116:7–10 (GNT)** - “Be confident, my heart, because the LORD has been good to me. The LORD saved me from death; he stopped my tears and kept me from defeat. And so I walk in the presence of the LORD in the world of the living. I kept on believing, even when I said, ‘I am completely crushed.’”

**Let’s welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives and allow Him to help us with power, love, and perspective.**

**2 Timothy 1:7 (CSB)** - “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.”