

Sermon Title: What we Believe: God Moves

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John 14:15-29

What is the Holy Spirit's role in the trinity?

- The Holy Spirit is a helper
- He is with us forever
- He is the Spirit of truth
- You know Him, He dwells with you and in you
- He adopts us
- He allows us to see the risen Christ
- He makes us live just as Christ lives
- He helps us to understand the trinity
- He will teach us all things and remind us of all that Jesus has taught
- He will bring us peace
- He will comfort us when we are afraid and our hearts are troubled,
- He will help us believe.
- the Holy Spirit seals us, guards us, and guarantees the salvation of those that he dwells in (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30)
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Four categories of what the Holy Spirit does in order:

1. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin.
 - a. John 16:8
2. The Holy Spirit gives us new life.
 - a. Titus 3:5
3. The Holy Spirit lives in us.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
4. The Holy Spirit empowers us to serve Christ.
 - a. Acts 1:8

Those 4 steps happen during our first encounter with the Holy Spirit at the time of our salvation.

But please don't forget that those four things happen so many more times throughout our lives as well.

When you try to do something on your own, how does it normally turn out?

Our passage told us that the Holy Spirit will bring us peace, but a very different peace than the world gives to us. The peace of the world says you are God, says that you are good enough on your own, and the pressure of success falls on us, but that's not the way Jesus works. That leaves us to try and fix everything on our own, or we can know that we are not enough, and rest in his ability over our inability.

So what does that knowledge of the Holy Spirit do for us?

- First, because the Holy Spirit lives inside of us, our status as children of God will never change.
 - We don't hold on to God, God holds on to us!
- Second, we need to be open to reproof, correction, growth, and sanctification.
- Third, the Holy Spirit in us should take away our unhealthy fears.
 - Romans 8:14-15
- Fourth, we need a healthy confidence in God, because we as humans often need to be reminded of the faithfulness of God.
 - Acts 9:31

Challenges:

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Scripture passages to go up on the Screen:

John 14:15-29 - ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

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

²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.”

John 16:8 - “⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”

Titus 3:5 - “he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - “¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

Acts 1:8 - “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Romans 8:14-15 - “¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Acts 9:31 - “³¹ So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.”