

Theme: The Spirit has been sent by Jesus to testify to Christ, and to enable us to point others to Jesus as well.

## I. Intro – The Spirit and Jesus

- A. Trying to learn more about being filled w/ Spirit
- B. Trying to learn more on walking w/ Spirit
- C. What is His relationship with Jesus?
- D. Where is our focus?

## II. The Spirit – Sent By Jesus

- A. The Counselor – the Holy Spirit
  - 1. Used 5 times – all by John
    - a. John 15:26; 14:16-17; 14:26; 16:7
    - b. Jesus is 1<sup>st</sup> – 1Jn 2:1 ESV
  - 2. The Spirit is now doing what Christ did
- B. The Spirit is sent by Jesus (Jn 15:26)
  - 1. Jesus sends Counselor – Jn 15:26; Jn 16:7
  - 2. Spirit Baptism – Mt 3:11; Lk 24:49; Acts 2:33
- C. The Holy Spirit – The Spirit of Christ

## III. The Spirit – Sent To Testify About Jesus

- A. The Spirit testifies about Jesus
  - 1. Jn 15:26; 16:8-11; 16:13-15; 1 Jo 5:6-9
  - 2. The Spirit always points to Christ!

## B. The necessity of the Spirit's testimony

- 1. Jesus no longer here in person
- 2. The Spirit does His work and points to Him
- 3. Only the Spirit can do this

## IV. The Spirit – Empowering Us To Testify

- A. We also must testify about Jesus
  - 1. Jn 15:26 – apostles (and secondarily us)
  - 2. Lk 24:46-48 – preach to all; witnesses (noun form)
  - 3. Acts 5:30-32 – we and Spirit testify of Gospel
- B. Spirit empowers us to testify
  - 1. Lk 24:48-49 – testify, but empowered by Spirit
  - 2. Acts 1:8 – power to be witnesses
  - 3. Acts 4:31 – filled with Spirit; spoke word boldly

## V. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see that the Spirit points to Christ – not Himself?
  - 1. He was sent by Christ for this express purpose
  - 2. This is always His work – point to Christ
  - 3. Todd B. – don't talk about Christ - deceived
- B. Do we see that being Spirit filled = passionate about Jesus?
  - 1. He is the Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9)

2. He reveals Christ and His glory to us
  3. Spirit filled Not about 'time travel in Spirit'
- C. Do we see Spirit empowers us to testify about Jesus?
1. Our passion is about Him – not even other issues
  2. Empowers us to testify by life and words
  3. Must be done in power of Spirit – not programs, gimmicks
  4. Only Spirit can change the heart
  5. Cry out for Him to work through us
- D. Communion – Spirit links us to Christ & His work

## The Spirit and Jesus

John 15:26-27

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Communion

2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Counselor** to be with you forever-- <sup>17</sup> **the Spirit of truth**. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. John 14:16-17

<sup>26</sup> But the **Counselor, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26

<sup>7</sup> But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. **Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you**; but if I go, I will send him to you. John 16:7

<sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have **an advocate** with the Father, **Jesus Christ** the righteous. 1 John 2:1 ESV

<sup>7</sup> But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but **if I go, I will send him to you**. John 16:7

<sup>11</sup> I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire**. Matthew 3:11

<sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high. Luke 24:49

<sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, **he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear**. Acts 2:33

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the **Spirit**, if the **Spirit of God** lives in you. And if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9

<sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> in regard to sin, **because men do not believe in me**; <sup>10</sup> in regard to righteousness, **because I am going to the Father**, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. John 16:8-11

<sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. **He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears**, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> **He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you**. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said **the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you**. John 16:13-15

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood-- Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And **it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth**. <sup>7</sup> **For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement**. <sup>9</sup> We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because **it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son**. 1 John 5:6-9

<sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be **preached in his name to all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> **You are witnesses of these things**. Luke 24:46-48

<sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead-- whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. <sup>32</sup> **We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit**, whom God has given to those who obey him." Acts 5:30-32

<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; **but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high**. Luke 24:48-49

<sup>8</sup> **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

<sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly**. Acts 4:31