Your Relationship With The Holy Spirit Lesson 2

# Last week we identified the following benefits of the Holy Spirit.

1. Righteousness – **Rom.8:10**
2. Freedom– **2 Cor.3:17**
3. New life – **Titus 3:5**
4. Character– **Gal.5:22-23**
5. Ever present Help – **John 14:16-17**
6. Instruction – **John 14:26**
7. Conviction, Guidance & Insight – **John 16:8,13-14**
8. Boldness – **Act 4:31**
9. Power – **Acts 1:8**

 **10.** Supernatural gifts (abilities) – **1 Cor.12:4-11**

# In this lesson, we will hi-lite a couple of these in more detail

# I. The Holy Spirit is always with you to help you

**John 14:16** *"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another* ***Helper****, that He may* ***abide with you forever****”*

* The word “Helper’ in the Greek is the word parakletos (par-ak’-lay-tos) and it means a comforter and one who is called to one’s side or aid.

**i).** **Read Psalm 46:1** Discuss some ways the Holy Spirit helps or comforts us?

**ii).** **Read Heb.13:5-6** What must we do so that we never doubt the Holy Spirit’s presence in us?

# II. The Holy Spirit works at changing our character & behaviour

**God loves you just as you are, but He loves you too much to keep you that way!**

Acceptance doesn’t necessarily mean approval. Just like we love our kids but we don’t always approve of their behavior. There are areas in our lives that God doesn’t approve of but He wants to change.

1. Read the following verses and determine **what** the Holy Spirit intends to do in us

**a. Titus 3:5** Define regeneration. It means all of these: reproduction, renewal, recreate, restoration Notice they all start with ‘re’, which means ‘again’.

**b. 1 Cor.6:11** To sanctify means to set apart, consecrate or make holy

**c. 1 Pet.1:13-16** Who’s responsible for our holiness? Address being vs. doing.

2. Now let’s discover **why** the Holy Spirit wants to set you apart

Think of a special suit or dress in your closet.

* What is it used for? By the way, clothes don’t make you, they introduce you.
* What if someone wore it to change the oil on your car, or paint the house, or work in the garden. How would that make you feel? **See Jam.1:27**
* The Holy Spirit wears you – you’re his earth suit. Don’t soil His suit, you introduce Him to others.

**a. Read Gen.1:26 –** Who did God design you to look like?

**b. Read 2 Cor.3:18 -** Who does the Holy Spirit want us to act & talk like?

**c.** What does **Rom.13:13-14** tell us to do. How do we do that?

**d. 2 Tim.2:21 –** How are we vessels?

3. Let’s discover **how** the Holy Spirit helps us change

**Read Gal.5:16-25**

**a.** Describe the “flesh” and its common characteristics.

**b.** Describe the characteristics of the Holy Spirit? (vs.22-23)

**c. According to Rom.8:5, what must we do in cooperation with the Holy Spirit?**

* How do we set our minds on the Holy Spirit in order to walk in the Spirit?

(Take the following verses into consideration: Phil.4:8; John 4:24; 1 Cor.14:14-15; 1 Pet.1:22)

**d. Read John 16:7-11 & Rom.8:1-9**

* What does it mean to convict? How does the Holy Spirit convict us?
* How should we respond to conviction?
* What does it mean to condemn? How does Satan or our flesh condemn us?
* How should we respond to condemnation?

**e. Read Eph.4:30** - what must we avoid doing to the Holy Spirit? How do we do that?