

Part 1 - Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Kingdom Collective

Series: Holy Spirit

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Central Truth: You *can* and *should* depend on the Person of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:15-17 ESV

story: I have been deeply marked by the Person and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Which poses the question, Who is the Holy Spirit?

Book reference: School of the Spirit by Lee Cummings

Common Myths About the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is weird
2. The Holy Spirit is just a mystical force
3. The Holy Spirit is reserved for super Christians
4. The Holy Spirit is an extra or optional part of our faith

Important Truths About the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is a Person (with a capital P)
2. The Holy Spirit is just as much God as the Father and Jesus
3. The Holy Spirit is your Helper

i.e. Tricycle analogy

- adult tricycle, motorcycle sidecar, kid tricycle
- He is not God's assistant. He is God's Spirit. He is God.
- **1 Corinthians 2:9-12 NLT**
 - *That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. 11 No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. 12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.*

John 14:15-17

- Another Helper (the first Helper was Jesus)
 - The Father sends help

- To be with you forever
- The Spirit of truth
- He dwells with you and will be in you (WITH, IN, UPON)

John 16:7

- Upper Room Discourse - intimate teaching and final instructions that Jesus gave his disciples on the night before His crucifixion (John 13-17).
- "He will do in My absence what I would do if I were physically present."

I think it's possible to depend more on our strength than the Holy Spirit.

Central Truth: You *can* and *should* depend on the Person of the Holy Spirit.
can (it's possible), should (it's necessary)

Understanding the Person

Helper (GK) *Paraklētos*: called to one's side

- Advocate
- Strengthenener
- Counselor
- Intercessor
- Comforter
- Aid
- Guide
- Fruit
- Gifts
- Empowerment

Strengthening our reach looks like depending on the Holy Spirit.

quote: If I were Satan and my ultimate goal was to thwart God's kingdom and purposes, one of my main strategies would be to get churchgoers to ignore the Holy Spirit. - Francis Chan

How do you depend on Him?

- Talk with Him. Ask Him questions. Interact with Him as if He is present, because He is.
 - *i.e.* Early on when I would ask Him and listen, I was shocked that I would hear.
 - *i.e.* Michael Jr. tickets
- But treat Him like more than a servant.
 - *Revere Him as God and value Him as a friend.*

Closing

Acts 7:51

- *You stick-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit.*
- As your fathers did (generational)

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Response Questions

1. Are you currently depending on the Holy Spirit?
2. How could you better embrace the Holy Spirit as your Helper?
3. What kind of relationship would you like to have with the Holy Spirit?