

## Facts of the Faith (8)

**John 14:25-27; John 16:7-8**

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Holy Spirit—most misunderstood, misrepresented/ forgotten.

He is not an energy force, “may the force be with you.”—star wars

Jehovah Witness’ deny His personality, but consider Him to be an influence.

There are ven those who believe that God created the Son, and the Son created the Holy Spirit/ Spooked.

Very Real, Very Personable, and Very Alive, and Very much God!!!

**Two truths I want you to understand about the Holy Spirit that tonight:**

### I. The Holy Spirit’s role in the life of a Christian.

**Things the Holy Spirit does in the life of a Christian:**

#### A) He indwells the Christian.

**I Corinthians 3:16, 17** “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple are you.”

**II Corinthians 6:16** “For you are the temple of God.”

**Statement:** When you get saved the Holy Spirit immediately takes up residence in your heart and accomplishes three things:

#### a. New nature—God’s nature

**I John 4:13** “By this we know that we abide with Him, and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit.”

#### b. New life—God’s life.

**John 5:24** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

#### c. New home—God’s family.

**I Corinthians 12:13** “For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free.....”

**John 14:23** “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.”

#### d. New power—God’s power.

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

**I John 4:4** “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

**Statement:** His presence in your life should affect your worship, church attendance!!!!

#### B) He helps & comforts the Christian.

**Vs 26** “The Helper...”KJV—Comforter: Intercessor, Consoler.

**Console:** to alleviate or lessen the grief, sorrow, or disappointment of; give comfort:

Guys—tough

Girls—altogether, but inside hurting.

Illustration: Queen Victoria/ Who knows the human heart better than God?

How does He help & comfort the Christian?

**a. Disabling circumstances.**

**Romans 8:26**—Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.”—In terms of communication.

**b. Daily circumstances.**

**Romans 8:14**—For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.”--In terms of guidance.

**c. Difficult circumstances.**

**Vs 27** “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Story: My mom’s story/

Question: Is your heart troubled tonight?

**Vs 27** “Not as the world gives do I give to you.”

Statement: What Christ can give you cannot be matched by the best this world has to offer.

**Matt. 11:28-30** “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest....find rest for your souls....”

**C) He educates the Christian.**

**Vs 26** “He will teach you all things...”

**John 16:13** “when He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth.....”

Statement: He will never tell you do something that contradicts Scripture!—I John 4—Reason: God wants you to know the truth!

**How does He educate us?**

**a. Illuminates Scripture.**

**Vs 26** “He will teach you all things, and bring your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

**Illumination:** Described as taking away “Spiritual blindness, softening the human heart, etc.”

Amazing Grace—Blind, but now I see.—I remember!!!!

**Tozer Quote: 303** When the Spirit illuminates the heart, then a part of man sees which never saw before; part of him knows which never knew before, and that with a kind of knowing which the most acute thinker cannot imitate.

Personal reflection: When I got saved, I wanted to follow God’s word. New desires.

**b. Illuminates our minds.**

Statement: He not only helps you remember it but helps you apply it, but He helps you understand it.

Quote: The student who does not study cannot expect the Holy Spirit to reveal truth!!!

Quote: He does not reveal new truth, but reveals truth that already exists!!!

**D) He seals the Christian.**

**II Corinthians 2:21, 22** “Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is

God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

Story: Kings seal.

Quote: H. S. guarantees “the contents” of the one he seals.

Illustration: I will always be my dad’s son, even though miles separate us!!!!

## II. The Holy Spirit’s role in the world.

**Vs 8 or John 16** “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment;”

**Two things He does:**

### A) He convicts the sinner.

**Three ways:**

#### a. Convicts of sin.

Imputed sin (inherited).

Committed sin (personal).

Unbelief—vs 9

**Isaiah 6:** The prophet humbled and broken./ 739 B.C.—Vision of the Lord sitting on a throne.

**Isaiah 59:1-2** “Behold the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your infirmities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear....”

Story: What happens when people get serious about removing sin from their lives!!! Welsh Revival of 1904-1905

#### b. Convicts of righteousness.

**Vs 10** Convicts hearts of the righteous standard set by God and lived out by Jesus Christ.

**Isaiah 64:6** “Be we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnessess are like filthy rages; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

### c. Convicts of judgment.

**Vs 11 Judgment to come. Men, World, Devil**

**Acts 17:30** “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

**Revelation 19:1-12** “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God....”

### B) He restrains evil.

**II Thess. 2:7** “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.”

**Two ways:**

- a. Restrains the sinner.
- b. Restrains the devil and demons.

**Matthew 24:21** “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”