

Shaken and Found Faithful

The Holy Spirit

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Question of the week: When God says I'm "with you," is that figuratively or actually? | **John 1:1 – 5 NLT**

Thread: The Holy Spirit is the gift of the presence of God given to you.

Jesus explains why the Holy Spirit is coming—He is going away.

*"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going...Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'" **John 14:1 – 6 NLT***

*"If you love me, obey my commandments." **John 14:15 NLT***

Love and obedience to God are connected.

- To obey is to esteem Jesus, love Him, direct my will towards pleasing Jesus, and finding one's joy in Jesus.
- Jesus introduces the Holy Spirit in this context.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth."

John 14:16 – 17 NLT

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the same, equal to Him in quality, not lesser.

There is no new truth outside of Jesus.

*"...The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them." **John 14:17 – 21 NLT***
Jesus wants to reveal Himself to those who love Him and desire a relationship with Him.

*"But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you." **John 14:26 NLT***
Jesus doubles down on Himself.

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."
John 14:27 NLT
I'm not losing peace over the question of truth. I have clarity.

*"Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again..." **John 14:28 NLT***
The Holy Spirit is our Helper until Jesus returns.

- Jesus has equipped His church to accomplish His work—the Holy Spirit is a BIG part of that.

Challenge:

- How can you exercise your faith to cultivate your relationship with God's Spirit present within you?
- What is muddy to you? How will you get the clarity of Scripture?
- What TRUTH are you asking the Holy Spirit to help you live?

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