

Second Baptist Church of Doylestown

Wed. Eve. Bible Study - 12/16/15

Great Words Of The Bible

INDWELLING

John 14: 16-18 and 26

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, 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 15:26

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

John 16: 7-11 and 13-14

⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the 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. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

Let's compare the following relationships which God is pleased to sustain towards His children:-

- **He is ABOVE us** □ **Deuteronomy 4:39** "Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other."; **Ephesians 1:20-21** "he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come."
- **He is BENEATH us** □ **Deuteronomy 33:27**. "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, 'Destroy them!'"
- **He is BEFORE us** □ **Exodus 13:21-22** "²¹ By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. ²² Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.; **John 10:4** "When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

- **He is BEHIND us** □ **Exodus 14:19**. "Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them,
- **He is AROUND us** □ **Psalm 34:7** ¹⁹ "Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them,; **Psalm 125:2** "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore..
- **He is WITH us** □ **Isaiah 41:10** "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.; **Hebrews 13:5-6** ⁵ "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"
- **He is WITHIN us** □ **Galatians 2:20** ²⁰ "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."; **Colossians 1:27** ⁷ "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Of all the associations short of Glory itself, the last one **He Is Within Us** (above) is the greatest - that the Lord Himself should come and live within the human personality. In Ezekiel 36:27, we find the fact of His indwelling anticipated, but it was our Lord Himself who spoke fully about this in John 14:16-18 and 26; 15:26; 16:7-11 and 13-14. **Notice the following important truths in John 14:16-18:**

1. The Holy Spirit is a Person

Notice the four persons referred to in John 14:16: "I" □ "He" □ "You" □ "He". Read chapters 14, 15 and 16 and note all the pronouns used in reference to the Holy Spirit. Also notice, in the five references given above, the actions which are ascribed to Him which could only be ascribed to a person.

2. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person

In John 14:16, the three Persons of the Godhead are mentioned □ "I" □ "Father" □ "Comforter". He is God, one with the Father and the Son.

3. The Holy Spirit Indwells Every Believer

Note the last two words in John 14:17. He indwells every Christian; there is no such thing as a believer who is not indwelt by the Holy Spirit - look up John 7:37-39; Acts 2:38-39; Romans 5:5 and 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Galatians 3:2 and 4:6.

4. The Holy Spirit Abides in Every Believer

That is, He has come in to *stay* - see John 14:16. In Old Testament times He came □ and -*went* - look up Judges 6:34 and 16:20; 1 Samuel 10:6 and 16:14 □ and compare Psalm 51:11; but now He comes in to abide with us forever.

5. The Holy Spirit indwells to Supply Christ's Presence

As to His bodily presence, the Lord Jesus is in Heaven (Hebrews 9:24); but by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit He is also within every believer (John 14:17-18). This is "the mystery" - see Colossians 1:27, and compare John 14:23.

In John chapters 14,15 and 16 we learn from the lips of our Lord Himself of the seven-fold ministry which the Holy Spirit exercises in the life of every believer. In other words, He indwells us to supply a seven-fold need in our lives:-

1. **"He will teach you all things..."** (14:26) He is the Divine Tutor within us, and He is there to teach us all He wants us to know and all we need to know concerning spiritual things. Please read 1 Corinthians 2: 9-14. The youngest and humblest believer has the Heavenly Instructor within. What a rebuke this is to our ignorance of spiritual things! □ Look up 1 John 2:27.
1. **"He will remind you of everything I have said..."** (14:26) This had a special reference to the Apostles who were to write the books of the New Testament; for this important task, the Holy Spirit was to be their sufficiency. They were not to rely upon their memory but upon Him. On John 14:26 rests the credibility and ultimate Divine Authority of the New Testament writings (2 Timothy 3:16). But what of ourselves? Well, He brings the word of comfort, of guidance, of wisdom or of rebuke to us, according to our need - compare Matthew 10:18-19.
2. **"He will testify about Me..."** (15:26 □ and verse 27!) The Holy Spirit is the power within us for effective testimony □- look up Acts 1:8, and notice that He always testifies to the Lord Jesus, and not to ourselves, our work, our church or our denomination; "unto me...□" He is within us to convict us and to show us when we turn aside from His way.
3. **"He will convict the world..."** (16:7-11) He alone can convince unbelievers of their need of the Saviour, and He does it through us ("to you" □ Lit. □ verse 8). We cannot convince them of their need and of His love for them, but the Holy Spirit can. And, He is within us to convict us and to show us when we turn aside from His way.
4. **"He will guide you into all truth... □"** (16:13) The Lord guided Israel - □ look up Exodus 13:21; but we have the Guide within, to go with us all the journey through - compare Romans 8:14. He indwells to guide us in the paths of truth.
5. **"He will tell you what is yet to come...□"** (16:13) This reference is to the prophetic gift which the disciples would need in order to write the New Testament. You and I have Him that we may interpret and understand those prophecies.
1. **"He will bring glory to Me...□"** (16:14) He is within us to make the Lord Jesus real and precious to us, and through us to others.

In conclusion: Because the Holy Spirit is dwelling within to exercise this seven-fold ministry, we must:

1. **RECOGNIZE His Presence within us** (1 Corinthians 6:19)
2. **RESPOND to His Presence within us** (Ephesians 5:18)
3. **RELY upon His Presence within us** (2 Corinthians 3:5-6).