



The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament

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TODAY'S READING: John 16

In John 16, Jesus focuses on His departure and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The role of the Holy Spirit on earth cannot be understated. The Holy Spirit is the Helper, or advocate for those who believe and the accuser of those who do not. The Holy Spirit also brings comfort. The disciples would soon undergo intense persecution and needed the power of the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, not only the disciples, but also believers, are permanently indwelt with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a person of the Trinity and a promise from the Father. He works mightily in the life of a follower of Christ. He works by convicting us of sin, regenerating us, indwelling us, and sealing us forever as children of God. He is our teacher, our guide, our comforter, the giver of spiritual gifts, and the one who empowers us to witness and testify about Jesus. If the spotlight is on Jesus, then the Holy Spirit is at work. He always points to Christ. He is the Helper who reveals truth and reveals all that Christ has done for us.

Just as Jesus promised the Holy Spirit's help to the disciples, that help is here for us today. We are not left alone to fend for ourselves. God's Holy Spirit still points us to Jesus. And it is upon the Holy Spirit's power that we become His witnesses. We must allow the Holy Spirit to lead us so that we can live the Christian life and accomplish the work that He set out for us to do. We must rely on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit who gives us the strength to continue in that work, no matter what we face.

PRAYER: Father, we thank You for the Holy Spirit who empowers our body, enlightens our mind, and inflames passion within us to devote ourselves to love and obey God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: Acts 2

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