

What does it mean to be a "Spirit-filled Christian?"





John 16:5-15

5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:5-15

8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

John 16:5-15

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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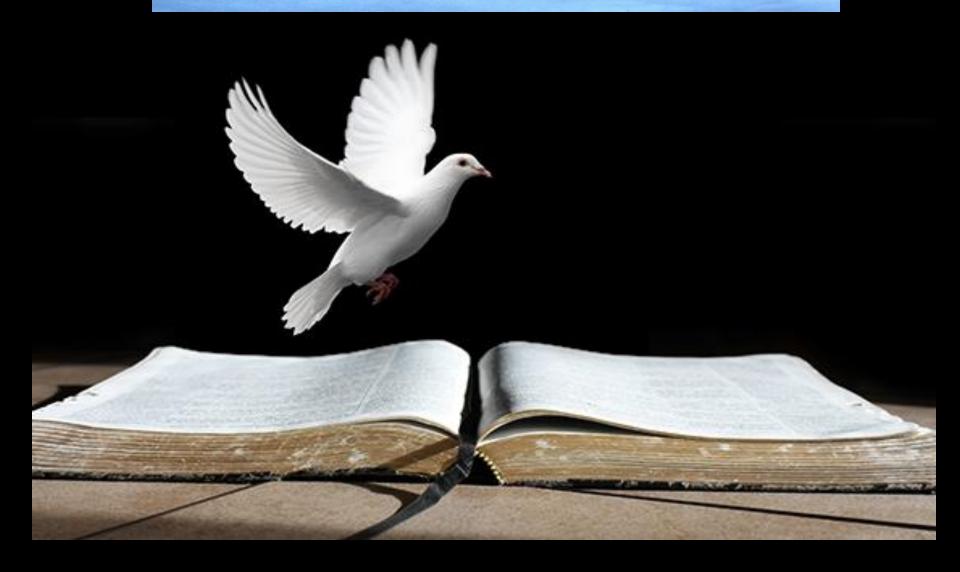
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God uses both the Spirit and the Word to bring us to faith in Jesus and to help us grow in Jesus.

Holy Spirit, Holy Bible



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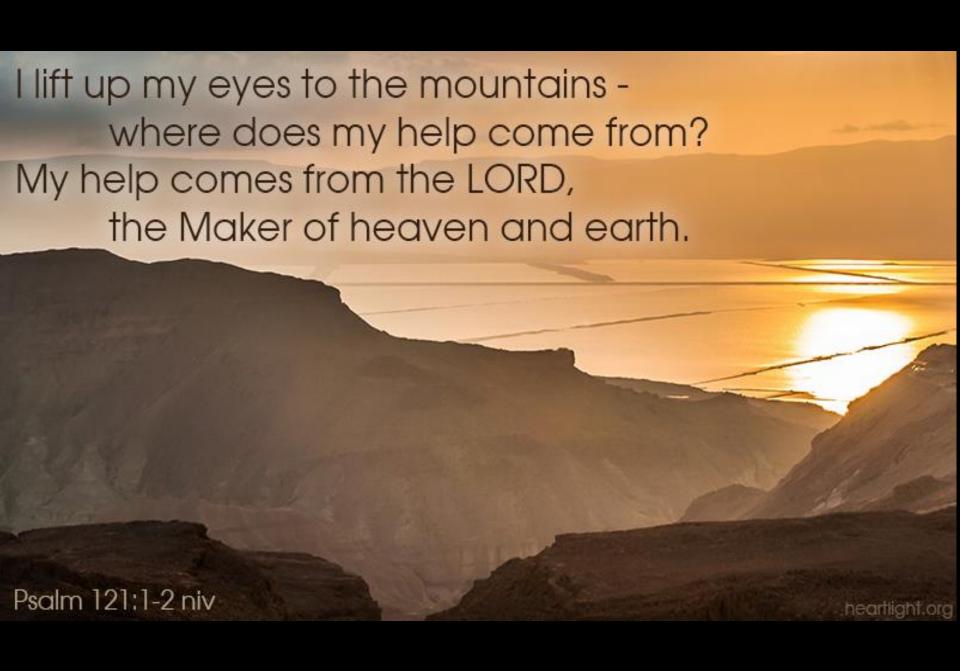
PRESENCE OF GOD

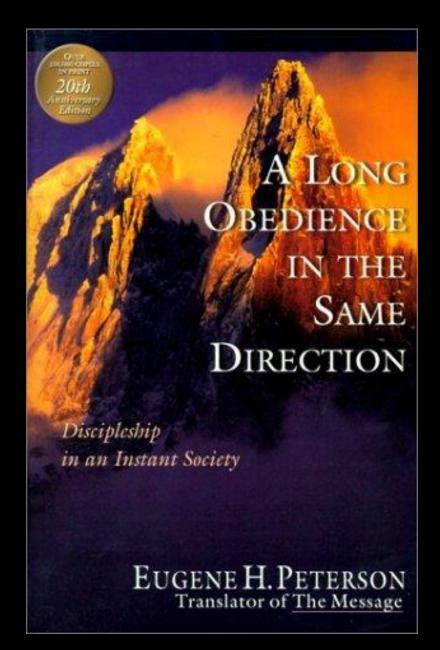
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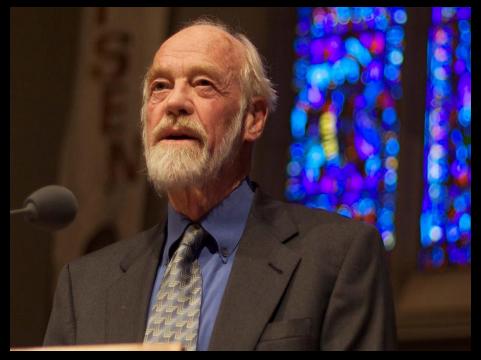
Jesus must mean not only the words of the question, but the heart of it. Their previous asking was in the sense, what will happen to US when you leave, not in the sense Jesus meant here - what will happen to YOU when You leave.

"The withdrawal of the bodily presence of Christ was the essential condition of His universal spiritual presence."

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The Spirit is the 'advocate' or helper of those who believe in Jesus, their counsel for the defense. But in relation to unbelievers, to the godless world, he acts as counsel for the prosecution.

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CONVICTION OF GOD

(vv.8-11)

Sin is the truth about man, righteousness is the truth about God, judgment is the inevitable combination of these the truths.

Before the convicting work of the Holy Spirit one may say, I make a lot of mistakes.

Nobody's perfect. After the convicting work of the Holy Spirit one may say, I'm a lost rebel, fighting against God and His law - I must rely on Jesus to get right with God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God,

Romans 3:22-24

the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 9:26-28

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Normally conviction is followed by judgment. When the Holy Spirit works, there is an in-between step: the revelation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, which can satisfy the judgment for the convicted person.

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AUTHORITY OF GOD

(vv. 12-15)

This does not refer to absolute truth in every area, but only in the area of spiritual truth and the teachings of Jesus. This refers primarily to the inspiration of the authors of NT Scriptures. The Spirit guided them in unique, authoritative (inspired) ways.

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The activity of the Holy Spirit in declaring the things that are to come suggest that he knows the future, something that is true of God alone; this gives evidence of the full deity of the Holy Spirit.

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"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword . . ."



Hebrews 4:12



Jesus revealed that the Spirit would ... convict the world (John 16:8-11), enlighten the disciples (John 16:12-13), and glorify Jesus (John 16:14-15).

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Ephesians 5:18

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you **walk, not as unwise** but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Colossians 3:16

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him



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