



Hebrew: רוּחַ – **ruwach** “a forceful exhalation, a blast of breath”
Greek: πνεῦμα – **pneuma** “a wind, a current of air, a blast of breath”

Week 1: The Presence

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper (*Greek: parakletos- also Counselor, Advocate, Intercessor*) to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. John 14:16-17

The Holy Spirit Is Literally The Abiding **PRESENCE** Of God In The Life Of A Believer

The Spirit Is Not An “It” He Is A **PERSON**

Because He Is A Person It Means That We Can **KNOW** Him And Have A Relationship With Him.

The Holy Spirit Is The One Who Is Called **ALONGSIDE** Of Those Who Believe In Jesus Christ.

Why Do So Many Of Us Live A Spirit-Less Life?

Reason #1:

Some people Are Simply **UNAWARE** Of The Holy Spirit.

“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Acts 19:2

Reason#2:

Some People Simply **RESIST** The Holy Spirit

“You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears!” “You are just like your fathers, You always resist the Holy Spirit.” Acts 7:51

Internal Working Of The Holy Spirit:

1. Holy Spirit **CLEANSSES** You.

“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.” 2 Thessalonians 2:13

2. Holy Spirit **COMFORTS** YOU.

“Will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.” John 14:6

Internal Working Of The Holy Spirit:

3. Holy Spirit **COUNSELS** You.

"But he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you in all truth." John 16:13

4. Holy Spirit **CARRIES** You In Prayer.

"...the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." Rom 8:26

5. Holy Spirit **CONVICTS** You.

"When the Spirit comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment." John 16:8

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- What was your understanding of the Holy Spirit before this week's message

Read John 14:16-17 and John 16:7. These verses describe why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be among us and to interact in our lives. The Holy Spirit is not a thing or an "it," He is the third person of the Trinity.

- Why is having the Holy Spirit being active in our lives such an important part of our walk with Christ?
- How is the Holy Spirit being in us better than having Jesus on earth with us?

Read Acts 19:1-2 and Acts 7:51. These verses show that many of us are living a Spirit-less life by either not being aware of the Holy Spirit or resisting the Holy Spirit.

- In what ways are you living a Spirit-less life currently?

Read John 16:12-13, Isaiah 30:31, and John 16:8-9. These verses show how the Holy Spirit is the voice of God we need to guide us.

- When you think back, can you see a time when the Holy Spirit was leading you? Did He cleanse, comfort, counsel, carry you in prayer or convict you?
- Describe how you need His presence in your life. What steps are you willing to take to live a Spirit-filled life?
- Spend time in prayer this week seeking a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Allow Him to cleanse you, counsel and comfort you with any struggles you may be facing, carry you in prayer as well as convict you of your sins.

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