Volcome To The Holy Spirit

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- 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
- 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
- 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;
- 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
- 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:7-15 - continued

- 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.
- 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
- 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
- 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

- A. Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - 1. He is God as the Father is God

Ephesians 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

2. He is God as the Son is God

Genesis 1:2

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

- A. Who is the Holy Spirit? continued
 3. He is the third person of the Trinity
- **Matthew 3:16-17**
- 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

- B. The Holy Spirit is a person
 - 1. The Holy Spirit has intellect

Romans 8:27

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

2. The Holy Spirit has emotion

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- B. The Holy Spirit is a person
 - 3. The Holy Spirit has a will
- 1 Corinthians 12:11

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

These are characteristics of personality

A. He is called the Comforter

John 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

B. We need comfort when separation is near John 16:6

But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

C. We need comfort when tears are near John 14:31

But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

D. We need comfort when we feel alone and forsaken 2 Timothy 4:16

At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

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E. We need comfort when death is close Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

A. We need a counselor when we are perplexed John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

- B. Jesus had been a Counselor to His disciples Isaiah 9:6
- For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- C. Now He would send the Holy Spirit to teach them
- D. The Holy Spirit is a Tutor

- E. What does He teach?
 - 1. All about the Bible
- 2 Peter 1:20-21
- 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
- 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
 - 2. All things (14:26)

- E. What does He teach? continued
 - 3. All about Jesus

John 15:26

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

- A. He convicts of sin (16:9)
 - 1. People have consciences

Romans 2:15

Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

- 2. The Holy Spirit prods the conscience about sin
- 3. Do you feel guilty? This is the Spirit's first work

- C. He convicts of the lack of righteousness (16:10)
 - 1. The standard that we do not live up to

Matthew 5:48

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

2. The sense that we need to do better

Romans 7:18

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

- C. He convicts of the lack of righteousness (16:10) continued
- 3. The sentence that must be dealt with

Romans 3:12

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4. The Savior that provides forgiveness if sought 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- D. He convicts of judgment (16:11)
 - 1. After death is the judgment

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

2. Prepared to meet God

Amos 4:12

Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

E. The purpose of conviction is to bring us to Christ

1. For salvation

John 6:44

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

- E. The purpose of conviction is to bring us to Christ continued
 - 2. For sanctification
- 2 Corinthians 7:11

For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

What Is The Holy Spirit Saying To You Today?