

THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR TEACHER

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JOHN 16:12-15 NKJV – (12) “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. (13) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (14) He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. (15) All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

The Holy Spirit is indeed a divine person because He possesses a mind, emotions, and a will. The Holy Spirit thinks and knows (**1 Corinthians 2:10**). The Holy Spirit can be grieved (**Ephesians 4:30**). The Spirit intercedes for us (**Romans 8:26-27**). He makes decisions according to His will (**1 Corinthians 12:7-11**). The Holy Spirit is God, the third Person of the Trinity. As God, the Holy Spirit can truly function as the Comforter and Counselor that Jesus promised He would be (**John 14:16, 26, 15:26**).

God sends his indwelling presence—the Holy Spirit—to personally instruct believers in His ways. This is a wonderful gift from the Father to every person who chooses to be His follower. And the Spirit of God is certainly well qualified to be our divine teacher: as a member of the Trinity, He is omniscient, just like the other two Persons of the Godhead. Because He knows all truth, He is clearly capable and trustworthy to provide guidance concerning the divine matters (**John 16:13**).

So how can we benefit from the Holy Spirit's teaching? First, we must trust in Jesus Christ and receive Him as Lord and Savior. The Spirit is freely given to every believer, but He isn't present in the lives of those who have not yielded to Christ. For this reason, faith in Jesus is the essential first step.

Second, we must believe that the Bible is the Word of God. In it, the Lord shows us His ways, with the intent of drawing us ever closer to Himself. Scripture is God's revelation to man, and though all 66 books were conveyed through human authors, every verse is fully divine.

Third, instead of relying on our own intellectual ability, we must depend on the Holy Spirit to teach us. Even the most admired human thinkers cannot begin to grasp the mind of the Lord. To the world the gospel is foolishness, but in fact, it is the power of God (**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**).

The wonders of the Lord are freely available to all who call upon His name. In the power of the Holy Spirit, ask God to bless your studies of His holy Word.

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 15:13

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: God is the source of value and meaning in our lives.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"