

**Introduction**  
***Spirit Life, Part 1***  
***Slide Notations***

**Who is the Holy Spirit, what does He do and how can He help me?**

**The Standard Drill...** A distinct Member of the Trinity!

God created the heaven and earth... And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

**Gen 1.2** John testified, I saw the Spirit of God descending from Heaven and remaining on Him.

**John 1.32** Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Matt 28.19**

He is another Comforter, sent by God the Father, to live in you... the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive because it can't see Him or know Him... but you know Him because He dwells within you... **John 14.16,17**

And when the Comforter is come, whom I am sending you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth which comes from the Father, He will testify; witness, give evidence of, bear record of, Me... **John 15.26**

It's good for you if I go because if I don't the Comforter will not come... and when He comes, He will convince the world of sin, righteousness and judgment; and when the Spirit of Truth comes to you, He will guide you into all truth, He will share with you the things He hears, He will show you things to come, and He will glorify Me... **John 16.7-15**

**The Holy Spirit... Is not just "an-other" Comforter!**

Mohammed, Buddha, Vishnu, Shiva, Brahma other comforters for many people... Specific promise of Holy Spirit/Comforter Jesus was Comforter #1... He was God in the flesh, dwelling among us, full of grace and truth... **J1.14** But He was sent by God to die for the sins of the whole world.. **1J2.2** W/appt to go back to the Father **J14/16** But would not leave humanity comfortless! **J14.18**

**The Holy Spirit... "Comforter" for the world!** Comes to challenge all thought, tradition, conduct: convict of sin: that's going to hurt! **v9** to convict regarding righteousness: your self righteousness won't work! **v10** convict of judgment: you think the devil-set world standard is a right standard? **v11**

**Does not come to convert... But to prepare a deep conviction that provokes salvation at the preaching of the gospel!**

**The Holy Spirit... Not just "another" Comfort, Church!** Jesus was Comforter #1, living w/disciples, delivering message of salvation/geo ltd! Holy Spirit is Comforter #2, living in the disciples, develops message of salvation/worldwide! **J14.16,17** Comforter we can know, without seeing, because we live with Him by faith! Is the One bearing evidence of Jesus continuing to build our faith!

**The Holy Spirit... Pumps up our life of faith by:**

*Expanding the truth we know!* **v12,13** "I have many things to say that you can't bear now, but when He comes... "Let's break this down in light of this..." *Sharing with us things He knows!* **13b** Not speaking independently, but from the things He shares w/Father/Son! "That might be true if that was all there was to it...but here's the mind of God!" *Telling us about the future!* **v13c** Keeping us right on track regarding the unfolding of God's kingdom! "Brace yourself! Right around the next..." *Making Jesus brighter and clearer/sight!* **v14** There are so many things to be seen about Jesus, so many links to be made...

**“The longer you live in My instruction, the brighter, more believed, more intensified your life in the Son becomes!”**

**Jesus, the Advocate with the Father for our sin, makes way for the Comforter to come and deepen our faith, strengthen our hold, build our courage and accomplish His mission!**

**From here the conversation normally runs to being “Spirit filled” and then moves on to the gifts of the Spirit! While most people use the Holy Spirit as validation, let’s validate ourselves by finding Spirit Life traits at work in us!**

**What does it look like to be a man, or woman, with Spirit Life inside?**

**Vignette #1 On the Moral/Political Front...**

- Monday, Pres filed brief to overturn 1996 DOMA, 1 man, 1 woman, as unconstitutional.
- Wed: ELCA voted to change views/language on “human sexuality.” Fri: approved gay ministers
  - “refreshing to see denomination accept modern knowledge & move beyond a few passages in the Bible written by uneducated and extremely ignorant authors.” Gay Leaders Blog
  - **(Holy men of old spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit! 2P1.21 Scripture given by inspiration of God! 2T3.16)**
- Thurs: Pres web cast 140k pastors/rabbi’s asking them to “tell the stories of health care dilemmas to illustrate what is a stake” (Where is church/state separation again?)
  - Health care storm w/default rationing for elderly/young, “quality of life” issues making a mess of reform efforts.
  - **“We are God's partners in matters of life and death.” Really? How about abortion?**
- Taxpayer funded abortion/coming! Hr3200 Capps amendment allows coverage in public plan/subsidizes others that include it! Sponsors refuse to exclude it: “I would not be willing to do that at this time.” –Mikulski. SOS Clinton: “Reproductive health care includes access to abortion.” Every amendment to exclude it was defeated.

**Worldlings...** Get anxious, juiced up for fight/flight... Engage their best reasoning faculties... Retreat to faulty philosophies... Hire their top guns... Compose their best slogans... Take sides and slug it out... If they win, they cheer... If not, they plot “not even, but ahead!”

**Spirit Life...** “The Holy Spirit will remind you of the things I have said to you, like, ‘Peace I give you: not the kind of peace the world gives, am I giving you... the kind that says, don’t let your heart be troubled or made afraid...’” **J14.26ff** Things like: “I have spoken to you in advance so that you might have peace, beyond reason. The world is a troubled place but cheerfully remember I have overcome the world!” **J16.33, Phil 4.7**

**A Spirit Life person calls on the Holy Spirit for answers in conflicting moral times and operates in the perfect peace of God’s word that takes us beyond normal understanding!**

**Vignette #2 When worlds/rule collide!**

Two weeks ago, I flashed a slide encouraging you to watch Hannity on Fox... That night, watching with Sonny and Judy realized something had gone wrong. The email blast said one thing, the show was something else all together! Hated feeling that “someone pulled plug...” Learned when things don’t add up, let the Holy Spirit do the math...

**Worldlings...** Get paranoid and pull out their guns or run for the hills! Put on the best face they can! Hear the alarm go off, run w/activity, but don't respond to the emergency! See the danger but keep pushing ahead to their own destruction! Always wonder, "How did this happen?"

**Spirit Life...** "Nothing is covered that will not be revealed, nothing hid that will not be made known... what you have spoken in darkness will be heard in the light and what you have spoken in secret will be proclaimed." **Lk 12.2,3** "Son of man, lift up your eyes at the gate... do you see what they do? Now lift up your eyes at the court... see the abominations? Look into the dark... they say the Lord doesn't see us here. Turn yet again at the door of the gate of the Lord's house... look at what they do! Then He turned me to the inner court to show me the abominations there." **Ez8**

**The Holy Spirit has promised to reveal what is coming, show us the truth, and remind us of our security in Jesus!**

**A Spirit Life person waits on the promise of the Father, the Spirit who lives in us, to teach us things we don't know and guide us through the maze!**

**Vignette #3 What we do in the midst of it all...**

Wednesday night, a gal driving out, called out, "You sure wear lots of different hats!" Either love it... or hate it! Don't "work" because "no one else to do it..." Don't do it because "no one else can do it..." Don't do it because "don't want God mad..." Don't do it because it's my job... Don't even do it to "model..."

**Spirit Life...** "You call Me Master and Lord and that's accurate, because I am. If I have served you, you should serve one another, for I have given you an example to follow. Serve like I have served! The servant is not greater than his Lord. Happy are you knowing and doing these things! **J13.13ff**

"In the world, leaders exercise dominion over others... but it is not so among Mine... whoever wants to be great in My kingdom will be your minister, and if you want to be on top, be a servant – just like I came to minister and give My very life for many! **Mt 20.25ff**

"When He comes in His glory with His angels and sits on His throne... then He will say to the righteous, 'Come, you blessed ones of the Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of time! For I had needs and you served Me! When? When you served My brothers... you were serving Me!'" **Mt 25.30ff**

Fortunate and well off are those who have sold out to do His will and whose service He uses to extend His cause among men; whom He finds untiringly at work when He comes... the truth is that for them, He will once again clothe Himself in the garb of a servant, make them recline for dinner and come and serve them Himself! **Lk 12.37-40**

**The Holy Spirit has magnified Jesus and His words to the point where I can do nothing else, no matter what is happening around me, as part of my Spirit Life!**

**Spirit Life is about faithfulness to the King, in good and bad times, right side up or upside down, face down in the dirt or dangling over the edge...**

**Worldling Believers...** Want to know what do I have to do? How long do I have to do it? How much, or how, will I get paid? Who will be helping me? Who will be watching me? If it serves my need to be valued will do it w/smile... but when it doesn't satisfy, will quit... with plenty of rhetoric!

***A Spirit Life person lives for nothing less than the pleasure of pleasing our Father... of following in Jesus footsteps...and doing what the Spirit directs!***