

# The Holy Spirit, your personal assistant

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*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him.”*  
Jn. 14:16-17

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to the earth to stay and he has been here on earth ever since. He is God just as much as God the Father and God the Son. Jesus came at Christmas, but he only stayed 33 years and then went back to heaven and is now sitting at the right hand of the Father. The Father lives in heaven, in his throne room, where all the threads come together. God the Father is working, Jesus said, and Jesus carried out the work of the Father on earth. The Holy Spirit empowered Jesus to do the works the Father showed him. God needs a branch office, as it were, on earth in order to be able to do anything here. Jesus was “God’s branch office” through whom the Father worked. Jesus is no longer here. We are now the body of Christ on earth, God’s branch office, and God is working through us to do his works. Of ourselves, we can do nothing at all, it is the Holy Spirit who helps and empowers us to do the works of God on earth. Just as Jesus could do nothing without the Holy Spirit, neither can we. The Holy Spirit is the source of power, the light, the energy, the warmth, the water in the glass, the fire in the furnace, the wind in the sails, the hand in the glove. Without him we are empty, cold, dry, lifeless vessels. Religion is mankind’s attempt to please God of their own accord. That is like having a car without a motor that you have to push. Hard work.

With the element thorium you can produce electrical energy. One gram of thorium contains enough energy to power an electric car for more than 100 years. The Holy Spirit is God’s power source. Through him the universe and the earth came into existence and it was he who raised Jesus from the dead. He keeps everything running. The Holy Spirit is God’s eternal power plant and he is now living in us. Can he not also “power” us for 100 years?

The Holy Spirit is the source of all wisdom, all knowledge and all strength. Without him mankind is groping in the dark. Through the Holy Spirit we know that the Bible is God’s word, that Jesus has risen from the dead, that God exists and that we are God’s children. We have never seen God and we were not there at the resurrection, but we firmly believe in it. The Bible says that it is the Holy Spirit who testifies the truth to our spirit. He is the Spirit of Truth. Without the Holy Spirit we cannot believe.

The Holy Spirit leads people to Jesus and convinces them that Jesus is God’s Son, that they are lost without Jesus and that Jesus rose from the dead. Through the Holy Spirit we were born again. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives

birth to spirit, Jesus said. The Spirit in us becomes a spring of eternal life that is always bubbling and never dries up. Jesus also said that out of our spirit streams of living water were to flow. Today perhaps Jesus would say that the Holy Spirit flows like electricity. Electricity flows from the power plant to the houses. We are God’s power plant on earth and the Spirit flows from us into the world to save, heal and set people free and to light up this world. We are the light of the world.

The Holy Spirit makes us into worshippers, for God is looking for those who will worship him in the Spirit and in truth. True worship flows out of our spirit and rises up to God – from spirit to spirit. True worship happens in our hearts. *“Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord”* Eph. 5:19. *“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.”* Heb. 13:15. First and foremost we are worshippers of God.

The Holy Spirit makes us into intercessors. He prays through us and in addition he has given us the prayer language, the language of tongues. *“We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”* Rom. 8:26f.

The Holy Spirit leads and guides us through an inner witness. He is the divine navigation system, the heavenly GPS in us. *“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”* Rom. 8:14. The Holy Spirit makes the weak strong. He is drawn to the poor, the lost, the sick and the weak. Jesus said: *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”* He wants to lift them up, heal them, forgive them and make them strong. It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick. Jesus came for the sick, the despised, the outcasts; they were his VIPs. *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”* 2 Cor. 12:9. *“The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you ... and you will be changed into a different person.”* 1 Sam. 10:6. *“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty.”* Zech. 4:6.

The Holy Spirit heals us. He anointed Jesus so that he could go around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, Acts 10:38. The church is to anoint the sick with oil and the prayer offered in faith will raise them up. Oil is a symbol for the Holy Spirit who comes upon the sick and heals them when we pray for them in faith, Jm. 5:14-15. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead also gives life to our mortal bodies, in other words he makes them strong, healthy and alive, Rom. 8:11. The more we learn to work together with the Holy Spirit, the more we can be used by God.

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