

## — OUTLINE —

- I. The Holy Spirit will function in your life many different ways:
  - A. The Holy Spirit will abide with you forever.
    - i. **“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever”** (John 14:16).
    - ii. Wherever you go, whatever you do, God Himself will be with you!
  - B. The Holy Spirit will comfort you through challenges and difficulties.
    - i. **“Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God”** (2 Cor. 1:4).
    - ii. He’ll also enable you to minister God’s comfort to others.
  - C. The Holy Spirit will be your Teacher.
    - i. **“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”** (John 14:26).
    - ii. He’ll also remind you of everything the Lord has said.
  - D. The Spirit of truth will testify to you of Jesus.
    - i. **“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: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning”** (John 15:26-27).
    - ii. He’ll also help you bear witness of Jesus to others.
- II. It’s to your advantage that Jesus is in heaven, and the Holy Spirit is on earth—**“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”** (John 16:7).
  - A. Jesus could only be in one place at a time when He walked the earth as a man—now, through His Spirit, He can be with every believer all the time!
  - B. The Holy Spirit will convict and convince: **“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged”** (John 16:8-11).

- i. He convicts you of not trusting Jesus.
  - ii. He convinces you that you're righteous in Christ.
  - iii. And the devil, who constantly hurls condemnation and lies at you, is judged.
- C. The Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth: **"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 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"** (John 16:12-13).
- i. The Spirit of truth will progressively share Jesus's words with you as you're mature enough to handle them.
- D. The Holy Spirit will glorify Jesus: **"He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you"** (John 16:14).
- i. He'll receive things from the Lord and show them to you.
- E. God's power will flood into you as you're baptized in Him: **"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth"** (Acts 1:8).
- III. In light of all these awesome benefits, I urge you to accept the fact that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is not merely optional but essential.
- A. The baptism in the Holy Spirit makes God's power available to you.
  - B. Although you're not automatically transformed into a victorious Christian, you'll experience increasing victory as you draw out His power by faith.
  - C. Those who reject the baptism in the Holy Spirit deny themselves access to His power.
  - D. Some Christians may have been baptized in the Holy Spirit without realizing it.
  - E. They are wonderful people who don't speak in tongues or believe in a distinct experience with the Holy Spirit, yet they clearly exhibit all of the other characteristics of someone who has received the baptism.
  - F. God intends for you to have His full package!
    - i. Why receive only part of God's gift?
    - ii. Why not receive it all?
  - G. Your loving heavenly Father cared enough to give you the baptism in the Holy Spirit—honor Him by receiving the full package!

# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. True or false: The Holy Spirit will abide with you for as long as you attend church faithfully.
2. **“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another \_\_\_\_\_, that he may abide with you for ever” (John 14:16).**
3. According to 2 Corinthians 1:4, what two things will the Holy Spirit do for you?  
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4. What verse tells you that the Holy Spirit **“shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”**?  
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5. John 15:26-27 says, **“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 \_\_\_\_\_: And ye also shall bear \_\_\_\_\_, because ye have been with me from the beginning.”**
  - A. Love / fruit
  - B. Me / witness
  - C. Truth / crosses
  - D. All of the above
  - E. None of the above
6. What is the lesson being taught by John 16:7?  
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7. Why is it advantageous that Jesus went to heaven and sent you His Spirit?  
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8. True or false: The Holy Spirit convicts you of not trusting Jesus.
9. True or false: The Holy Spirit convinces you that you're righteous in Christ.

10. True or false: The devil, who constantly hurls condemnation and lies at you, may be judged.

11. John 16:12-13 says, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will \_\_\_\_\_ you into all \_\_\_\_\_; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you \_\_\_\_\_."

12. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is not merely...

- A. Needed but received
- B. For the early church but for you today
- C. Recommended but preached
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

13. Are you automatically transformed into a victorious Christian when you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

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14. Is it honoring God to receive the full package He has given?

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## — SCRIPTURES —

### JOHN 14:16

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### 2 CORINTHIANS 1:4

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

### JOHN 14:26

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### JOHN 15:26-27

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: [27] And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

### JOHN 16:7-14

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. [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.

### ACTS 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.