



God's Spirit and the Christian

John 15:26-27

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I. God's Spirit as Advocate

What is the first term used for God's Spirit in John 15:26?

What is the meaning of this term? Note John 14:16 and John 14:26.

Why do you think we need an Advocate?

English preacher Charles Spurgeon said, "Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without the wind, branches without sap, and like coals without fire, we are useless." What does this tell you of the importance of the work of God's Spirit in the life of a Christian?

How is the presence and working of God's Spirit described differently in the Old Testament and the New Testament?

What do the following verses tell us about the Holy Spirit?

John 14:17-18, John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:7-8 and John 16:13

II. God's Spirit as the Spirit of Truth

What is the second way that God's Spirit is referred to in John 15:26?

How would you defend the statement that "God is truth"?

How is the truth often sacrificed by us and by those around us? Why do we find it necessary to stretch or bend or adjust the truth?

What do these verses tell us about God and truth? Psalm 119:160, Numbers 23:19

What does John 16:13 tell us that God's Spirit does? Can God's Spirit lead us to what is not truthful?

How does God's Spirit anchor us to the truth in this relativistic world?

III. Testifying of Jesus

Of whom does the Advocate and the Spirit of Truth testify? How does it help us in our spiritual walk and growth to have the Spirit of God witness to us about Jesus?

How does John 14:26 and John 16:13 speak of this witness of Jesus to us?

Whom does Jesus say must also testify of Him in John 15:27?

Who were those that had been with Jesus from the beginning? What would they have experienced in being with Jesus from the beginning?

How can we know about all of these experiences? What has God provided for us?

What does it mean to be a witness of Jesus? What keeps us from testifying?

How does remaining or abiding with Jesus make testifying about Jesus natural?