

# THE ADVENT OF THE SPIRIT

Sunday, May 11, 2025 -- After the Resurrection -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

JOHN 14:15-16, 25-27

JESUS to His DISCIPLES

English Standard Version (ESV)

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Helper**, to be with you forever, 17 even **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

**INTRO:** As Christmas and Easter focus on the coming and work of Christ, Pentecost focuses on the coming of the Holy Spirit.

- We rightly celebrate the incarnation (birth), crucifixion and resurrection of Christ (Messiah).
- **God's salvation** comes through the **vicarious, substitutionary atonement** accomplished through the virgin birth, sinless life, sacrificial death, burial and victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**ISAIAH 53:5-6** "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities..."  
"...and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

**2 COR 5:21** "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

**1 PETER 3:18** "Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God..."

- Throughout the Old Testament the promise of a saving Messiah is prophesied. It begins immediately after our fall into sin when God curses the serpent and promises that the Offspring of the woman shall, "bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." **Genesis 3:15**
- The Persons of the Godhead (Trinity) fulfilling their often distinct Roles:

## CREATION

Trinity creates  
(all mentioned)

## FALL

Man rebels  
Father curses  
(man & Satan)

## REDEMPTION

Father gives the Son to pay for sin  
Father & Son send the Spirit  
Spirit convicts & gives faith

## GLORY

Son returns to judge & reign  
Trinity raises the dead  
Trinity makes all things new

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS CONCERNING THE TRINITY OF THE GODHEAD:

- The Bible presents the ONE and ONLY God of the universe as 3 in 1.
- ONE God in THREE Divine Persons.
- These exist both in perfect harmony and in perfect unity.
- The Trinity reveals that God's very essence is relational, holy and loving.
- Our minds are FINITE, the nature of the Trinity is INFINITE.
- Though we cannot fully comprehend what is revealed about the nature of the Trinity, we can certainly believe what has been revealed about the nature of the Trinity.
- **GREAT DANGER:** Do not blaspheme, grieve, deny, or seek to use the Holy Spirit.

## OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME:

### JOEL 2:28–29

- 28 “And it shall come to pass afterward,  
that I will pour out **my Spirit** on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
29 Even on the male and female servants  
in those days I will pour out **my Spirit**.”

### EZEKIEL 36:26–27

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put **my Spirit** within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

### EZEKIEL 37:14

14 And I will put **my Spirit** within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

### ISAIAH 44:3

- 3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land,  
and streams on the dry ground;  
I will pour **my Spirit** upon your offspring,  
and my blessing on your descendants.  
4 They shall spring up among the grass  
like willows by flowing streams.  
5 This one will say, ‘I am the Lord’s,’  
another will call on the name of Jacob\*,  
and another will write on his hand, ‘The Lord’s,’  
and name himself by the name of Israel\*.”
- \* supplanter, or ‘may God protect’  
\* ‘he struggles with God’

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### JOHN 14:16-17

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Helper**, to be with you forever, 17 even **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

### JOHN 16:7, 13

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.  
13 When **the Spirit of truth** comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

### ACTS 1:4-5

4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with **the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.”

### **ACTS 19:1-2**

*1 And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."*

### **WHY HAS THE REALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OFTEN BEEN NEGLECTED?**

1. Because the Holy Spirit is more mysterious and therefore less understood than the concept of the God the Father and God the Son.
2. Because Scripture sometimes speaks of God the Father and God the Son without reference to God the Spirit.
3. Because there have been abuses and fanatical distortions of the Holy Spirit (Pentecostalism) that should be avoided.
4. Because the Pulpit has often eschewed that which is harder to understand or that which has been distorted.
5. Because the Holy Spirit is invisible and works inwardly more than outwardly.
6. Because the Holy Spirit does not speak of Himself in the Scriptures. He comes to testify of Jesus. John 15:26; 1 John 5:6-8;

### **JOHN 16:12-13**

*"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"*

### **SOME BLESSINGS OF RECOGNIZING THE PRESENCE AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

1. Understanding God's grace in our salvation through the Spirit's work in us.
2. Discovering the power to live the Christian life.
3. Experiencing the comfort of God's presence at all times.
4. Knowing that God is at work in ways that cannot be seen or fully understood.

### **HOW CAN THESE STRENGTHEN YOUR LOVE FOR, FAITH IN & OBEDIENCE TO GOD?**