

3. How to receive what the Spirit gives.

"If you love me, obey my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. John 14:15-17

2 Things: If you want the ministry of the second Advocate, (*another Advocate*), you have to trust in the ministry of the first Advocate, Jesus.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins ... 1 John 2:1

A defense attorney's job isn't to beg for mercy.
Their job is to make a case for your innocence based on the law.

God showed his mercy when he sent his Son that's where we got the mercy. Now Jesus is interceding by declaring justice has been met, the penalty has been paid for sin in His atoning work, it would be unjust to demand two payments

What are Jesus commandments?

"If you love me, obey my commandments. John 14: 15

³⁷ Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40

Love God & others. But Paul even goes simpler:

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another, *for the one who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.* For the commandments, " Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet, " (and if there is any other commandment) are summed up in this, " Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

Romans 13:8-10



How the Holy Spirit Works

John 14:15-26

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." ²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵ All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

First clue is in *verse 17*-“The world cannot accept **him**, because it neither sees **him** nor knows **him**.”

The Holy Spirit is referred to not as a force or an it, but as a person.

Second clue- is in *verse 16*, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another advocate** to help you and be with you forever– ...”

“*Another*” in the Greek’s usage here means--- exactly like. Since Jesus has already declared his own divine stature when he said, “*I and the Father are one,*” “*Before Abraham was I am,*” “*He who has seen me has seen the Father*”. Jesus is now also saying, “*The Holy Spirit is not only a person but an equally infinitely divine person with me and the Father, by using the phrase “another advocate.”*”

Third clue- You have to look carefully. Notice in *verse 18* Jesus says, “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” Then in *verse 23*, “My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

Jesus is saying I am leaving and the Holy Spirit is coming to you, and because he is coming to you so is my Father and I coming to you.
Welcome to the mystery of the Trinity.

**When the Holy Spirit comes into your life,
God himself is coming to dwell in your midst.**

Therefore do not think the Holy Spirit is a “something” you can manipulate. When Simon saw that the Spirit was given when the apostles laid their hands on people, he offered them money to buy this power. ¹⁹“Let me have this power, too,” he exclaimed, “so that when I lay my hands on people, they will receive the Holy Spirit!”
Acts 8:18,19

Because the Holy Spirit is a person we want to respect Him in our lives. And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Ephesian 4:30

2. What the Spirit can do.

- **The Holy Spirit is with you forever.**

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be **with you forever ...**”
John 14:16

I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.

Romans 8:38

- **The Holy Spirit is truth.**

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever--¹⁷ **the Spirit of truth.**”
John 14:16,17

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”
John 14:25,26

We have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.
1 Corinthians 2:12

- **The Holy Spirit is our ultimate friend.**

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **advocate** ...” John 14:16
“But the **Advocate**, the Holy Spirit ...” John 14:26

Advocate is a translation from the Greek Word, PARAKLETOS
PARA- to come alongside of...
KLEOS-to declare or argue ...

¹⁶For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we really are God’s children.
Romans 8:16

“When our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts.” 1John 3:20

