

The Holy Spirit: God With Us, In Us, And Empowering Us

In John 14:15-26, Jesus comforts His disciples and promises Another Helper who will remain with believers and teach them, guide them, and remind them of truth.

Let's Read John 14:15-26 NKJV

Jesus Promises Another Helper

¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me. ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while being present 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 things that I said to you.

Who Is the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is not an “it.” He is God, personal, present, and powerful.

Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as:

- **Helper** (One who comes alongside)
- **Spirit of truth**
- **Teacher and reminder**
- **Witness of Jesus**
- **Convictor and guide into truth**
- **Empowerer for ministry**

Jesus makes it clear: the Holy Spirit is God's gift to believers to keep us strong, faithful, and fruitful.

Scriptures Where Jesus Brings Up The Holy Spirit

8 places Jesus personally speaks about the Holy Spirit (NKJV references), including John 14

1. John 14:16-17

Jesus promises "another Helper" and says the Spirit will **abide with you forever** and will be **in you**.

2. John 14:26

Jesus says the **Holy Spirit will teach you all things** and **bring to remembrance** what Jesus said.

3. John 15:26

Jesus says the **Helper** will come from the Father and **testify of Me**.

4. John 16:7-8

Jesus says it is to our advantage He goes away, because then the Helper comes, and He will **convict the world**.

5. John 16:13-15

Jesus says the Spirit will **guide you into all truth**, will speak what He hears, and will **glorify Jesus**.

6. Luke 11:13

Jesus teaches that the Father will **give the Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him.

7. Acts 1:4-5

Jesus commands the disciples to wait for the promise of the Father and says they will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit**.

8. Acts 1:8

Jesus says, “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,” and they would be His witnesses.

These passages show the Holy Spirit is not a side topic. Jesus treated the Holy Spirit as essential to Christian life and mission.

The Trinity

The Bible does not use the exact phrase “**Holy Trinity**.” But Scripture clearly reveals God as **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**. (3 in 1)

Jesus names this reality plainly in baptism instruction

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

Jesus commands baptism “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

That matters because:

- Jesus presents **one Name** with a threefold reality
- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are shown working together in salvation and discipleship
- It is not three gods, but **one God revealed in three Persons**

So while the label “Trinity” is a theological word used to summarize the biblical revelation, the **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** relationship is clearly taught in the words of Jesus.

Holy Spirit Highlights

1) The Holy Spirit is the Gift Jesus wanted every believer to have

He is not only for the early church. Jesus promised Him for every disciple, for every generation.

2) The Holy Spirit's main ministry is to glorify Jesus and grow Jesus in you

He convicts, cleanses, teaches, and strengthens us, so our lives point to Christ.

3) The Holy Spirit empowers you to live boldly and witness faithfully

He gives power to obey, power to speak, and power to endure when life gets heavy.

How We Hear From the Holy Spirit (Biblical + Practical)

Hearing from the Holy Spirit is *real* and *grounded*. He won't lead you into confusion or away from Jesus. He speaks in ways that line up with God's Word and produces Godly fruit.

Here are the main biblical ways we learn to recognize His voice:

Through Scripture

The Holy Spirit's #1 "language" is the Word of God.

- He **reminds** you of what Jesus said (John 14:26)
- He **guides into truth** (John 16:13)
- He never contradicts Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

Practical tip:

Ask before you read: "*Holy Spirit, open my eyes and apply this to my life today.*" (Psalm 119:18)

Through Inner Witness: Peace or Check

Often it feels like a gentle *knowing* inside peace, clarity, or a “pause... don’t do that.”

- “The peace of God... will guard your hearts” (Philippians 4:6–7)
- “Let the peace of God rule in your hearts” (Colossians 3:15)

Wisdom Nugget: Peace isn’t always *comfort*, but it is a *steady confidence* in God.

Through Conviction

The Holy Spirit convicts with love and truth. Conviction draws you back to God.

- The Spirit **convicts** (John 16:8)
- Jesus does not condemn the repentant heart (Romans 8:1)

Test:

Conviction says, “*Come back. Let’s fix this.*”

Condemnation says, “*Hide. You’re hopeless.*”

Through Prayer and Stillness

Sometimes we don’t “hear” because we never slow down long enough to listen.

- “Be still, and know...” (Psalm 46:10)
- “My sheep hear My voice” (John 10:27)

Practical tip:

Try 5 minutes of quiet after prayer. No phone. No rushing. Just listening.

Through Godly Counsel and Confirmation

God often confirms direction through mature believers, preaching, Godly mentors, and wise counsel.

- “In the multitude of counselors there is safety” (Proverbs 11:14)
- “Test all things; hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

Important:

Confirmation supports what God is saying; it shouldn’t replace your relationship with Him.

Through Fruit and Outcomes

The Holy Spirit produces fruit. If a “direction” produces chaos, pride, bitterness, or sin, hit pause!

- Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23)
- God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33)

A Simple 5-Step “Holy Spirit Listening” Check

When you think you’re hearing Him, ask:

1. **Does it agree with Scripture?**
2. **Does it glorify Jesus?**
3. **Does it produce peace and purity, not panic and pressure?**
4. **Does it reflect the fruit of the Spirit?**
5. **Can it be confirmed through prayer and wise counsel?**

Questions

1) Why did Jesus call the Holy Spirit “Helper”? Because the Holy Spirit comes alongside believers to strengthen, guide, comfort, and help us live out God’s will (John 14:16–17).

2) What does the Holy Spirit teach us? He teaches truth, makes Scripture come alive, and reminds us of what Jesus said (John 14:26).

3) How do we know the Holy Spirit is focused on Jesus, not on self? Jesus said the Spirit would testify of Him and glorify Him (John 15:26; John 16:14).

4) What is one evidence that the Holy Spirit is necessary for ministry? Jesus said we receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us, enabling us to be witnesses (Acts 1:8).

5) If the phrase “Holy Trinity” is not written, why do Christians teach the Trinity? Because Jesus and the rest of Scripture reveal God as **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**, especially in Jesus’ baptism command and His teaching about the Spirit (Matthew 28:19; John 14–16).

Life Applications

- Ask the Father for the Holy Spirit daily (Luke 11:13).
- Listen for His leading through Scripture and prayer (John 16:13).
- Obey quickly when He convicts or prompts you (John 16:8).
- Witness boldly because He empowers you (Acts 1:8).

Bible Besties, Jesus did not leave us orphaned. He promised a Helper, and He keeps His promises. The Holy Spirit is God’s presence for your everyday life. When you feel weak, He strengthens. When you feel confused, He guides. When you feel forgetful, He reminds. When you feel afraid, He empowers. And through it all, He lifts up Jesus in you!

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What It Looks Like And Feels Like When The Holy Spirit Confirms Something

Holy Spirit confirmation is usually **steady, clear, and Jesus-centered**. It’s not always loud or dramatic; most of the time, it’s like God lovingly underlining what He already started speaking to your heart.

Here are common ways it can *feel* and what it can *look like* 

A Deep, Settled Peace That “Locks In”

Even if the decision is big, you feel a calm *settling* inside—like: “Yes... this is right.”

- Not hype. Not adrenaline.
- More like a quiet confidence.
- Your heart stops fighting and starts resting. (Your Emotions)

It feels like: “I’m not anxious anymore. I’m steady.”

It looks like: you can move forward without striving or panic.

A Gentle Inner “Yes” That Keeps Returning

You may pray about something for days or weeks, and that same answer keeps coming back with consistency.

It feels like: “This keeps landing in the same place every time I pray.”

It looks like: you’re not tossed back and forth, your direction becomes consistent.

Scripture Starts “Standing Up” To You

You read the Word, and a verse hits like a holy spotlight, *not new information*, but a **personal application**.

It feels like: “God is speaking directly to this situation.”

It looks like: the same theme shows up repeatedly in your Bible reading, sermons, devotionals.

Confirmation Comes In Twos And Threes

Not because you’re chasing signs, but because God is kind and steady, He confirms through **multiple aligned sources**.

Examples:

- A Scripture + a sermon
- A prayer moment + wise counsel
- A repeated theme + open door + peace

It feels like: “Okay Lord, I hear You... You keep highlighting the same thing.”

It looks like: repeated alignment without manipulation.

It Produces Humility, Not Ego

When the Holy Spirit confirms something, it doesn't make you puff up; it makes you reverent and thankful.

It feels like: "Lord, thank You... help me obey You well."

It looks like: you become more prayerful, more dependent, more careful with your steps.

You Sense A Loving "Check" When You Drift

Confirmation doesn't only say "go"; sometimes it confirms by giving a **pause**.

It feels like: "Something is off... I need to wait."

It looks like: you stop forcing outcomes, and you choose patience and prayer.

Doors Open Without You Bulldozing Them

When God confirms, you don't have to break the door down. You may still have to be brave, but you're not striving.

It feels like: "This is moving with grace, not pressure."

It looks like: the right conversations, timing, resources, or opportunities start appearing naturally.

It Brings Spiritual Fruit: Love, Peace, Clarity, Courage

Holy Spirit confirmation produces **fruit**, not confusion.

It feels like: clear direction, clean conscience, settled peace.

It looks like: obedience, endurance, kindness, wisdom, and purity increasing.

What Confirmation Usually Is NOT

- Not constant chaos or confusion
- Not pressure that makes you feel rushed
- Not fear-driven urgency
- Not something that contradicts Scripture
- Not “God told me” used to control others

A Simple Phrase Many Believers Describe

“It feels like a holy agreement between my spirit and God’s Word.”

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‘Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.’