



John 13:33 (NIV)

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come."

John 14:16-18; 26-27 (NIV)

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — 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. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. But the Counselor, 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. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

### **The Holy Spirit: Our Closest Friend**

**The Holy Spirit is:**

#### **I. A Real Person Who Never Leaves Us.**

Verse 17 - "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."

Romans 8:27 (NIV)

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Ephesians 4:30 (NIV)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

I Corinthians 12:11 (NIV)

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

## **II. All of God Who Lives Within Us.**

Verses 16,17,23 - And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Acts 5:3 (NIV)

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit? ...You have not lied to men but to God."

Romans 8:9 (NIV)

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

## **III. The Power of God in Us to Meet all Our Needs.**

Verse 17 - 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.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 3:16 (NIV)

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,