

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the **Holy Spirit**.¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

-.001.tiff

²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the **Holy Spirit**."²¹She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."
—Matthew 1:18-21 ESV

-.002.tiff

⁷Nevertheless, 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. —John 16:7 ESV

-.003.tiff

Who is the Holy Spirit?
He is God, Not a Ghost

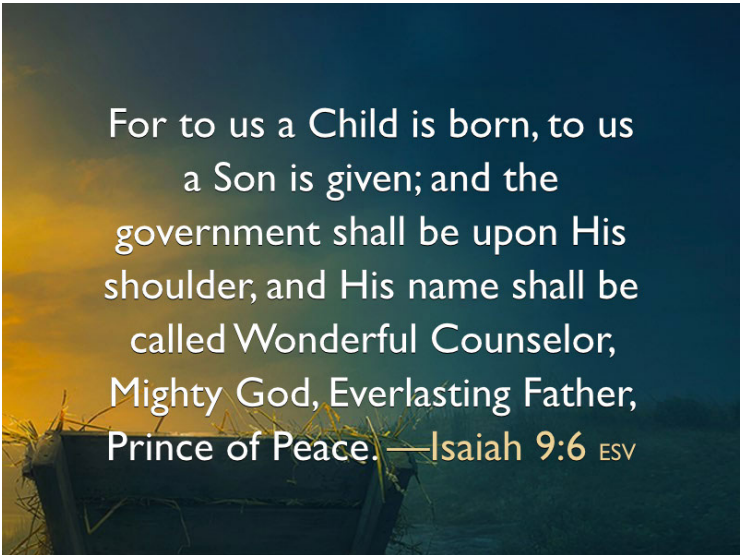
-.004.tiff

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"
³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy —the Son of God."

-.005.tiff

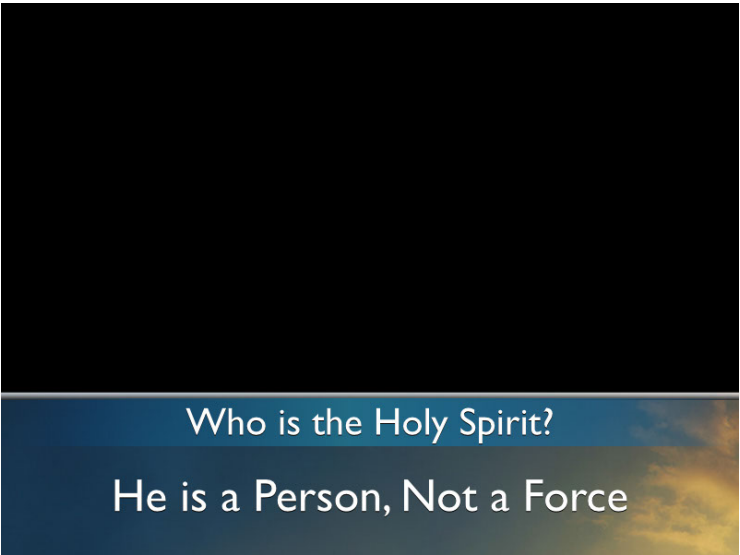
³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God."
—Luke 1:34-37 ESV

-.006.tiff



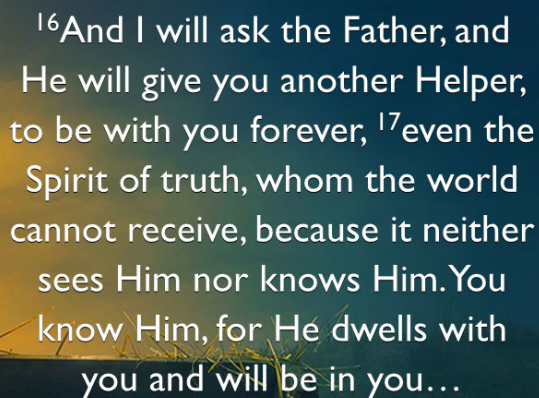
For to us a Child is born, to us
a Son is given; and the
government shall be upon His
shoulder, and His name shall be
called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace. —Isaiah 9:6 ESV

-.007.tiff



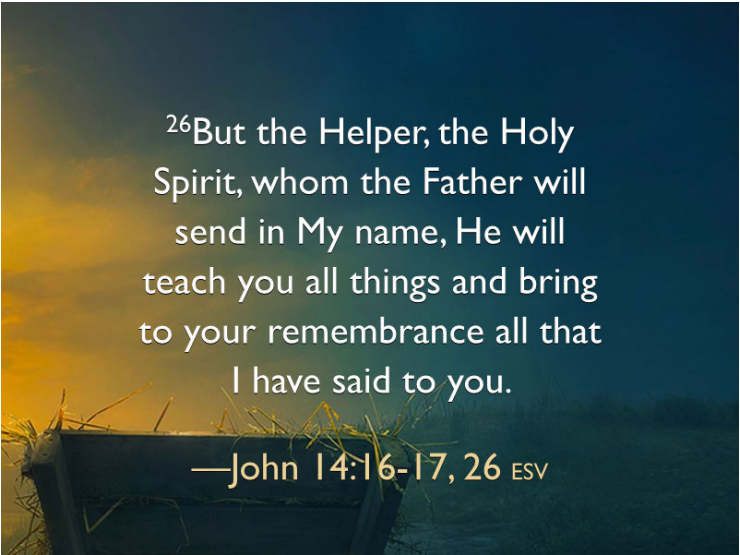
Who is the Holy Spirit?
He is a Person, Not a Force

-.008.tiff



¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and
He will give you another Helper,
to be with you forever, ¹⁷even 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...

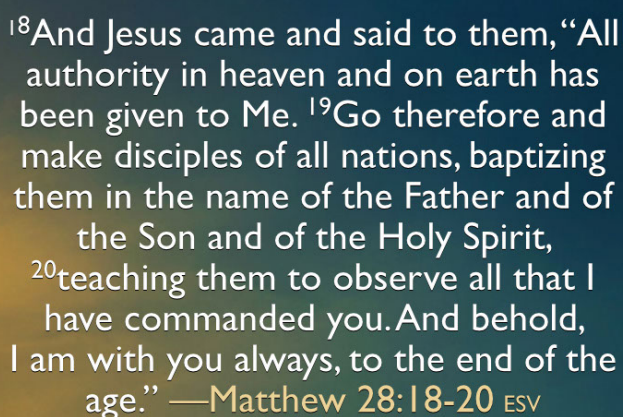
-.009.tiff



²⁶But 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.

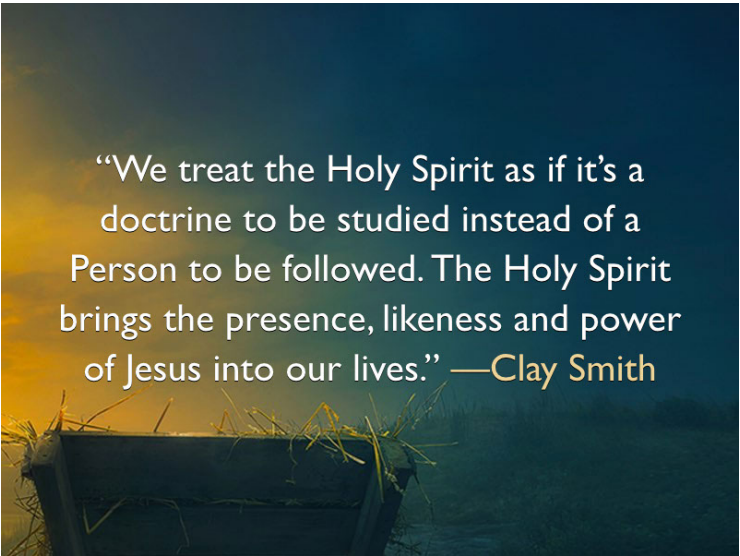
—John 14:16-17, 26 ESV

-.010.tiff



¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All
authority in heaven and on earth has
been given to Me. ¹⁹Go therefore and
make disciples of all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰teaching them to observe all that I
have commanded you. And behold,
I am with you always, to the end of the
age.” —Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

-.011.tiff



“We treat the Holy Spirit as if it’s a
doctrine to be studied instead of a
Person to be followed. The Holy Spirit
brings the presence, likeness and power
of Jesus into our lives.” —Clay Smith

-.012.tiff



Who is the Holy Spirit?

He is Perpetual, Not Seasonal

-.013.tiff



Who is the Holy Spirit?

He is Influential, Not Visible

-.014.tiff

²⁶“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me”... ⁷Nevertheless, 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.

-.015.tiff

⁸And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

—John 15:26, 16:7-11 ESV

-.016.tiff



-.017.tiff

“The Holy Spirit is absolutely vital to our situation today. Of course, He is always vital; but perhaps especially now. After all, if the Holy Spirit moves, nothing can stop Him. If He doesn’t move, we will not produce genuine fruit—no matter how much effort or money we spend.

-.018.tiff

The church becomes irrelevant when it becomes a purely human creation. We are not all we were made to be when everything in our lives and churches can be explained apart from the work and presence of the Spirit of God.”

—Francis Chan, *Forgotten God*

-.019.tiff

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

-.020.tiff

The Holy Spirit Supports the Father and the Son as the...

Gen. 1:2	Agent of Creation	John 1:1-5
Num. 11:25	Author of Scripture	2 Pet. 1:20-21
Isaiah 9:6	Attendant at Christ's Conception	Luke 1:35-37
John 15:26	Advocate of Jesus	Rev. 22:7
Joel 2:28	Administrator of the Church	Acts 1:8
Rom. 8:9-11	Assurance of our Salvation	Eph. 1:13-14

-.021.tiff

Why Do We Need the Holy Spirit?

-.022.tiff

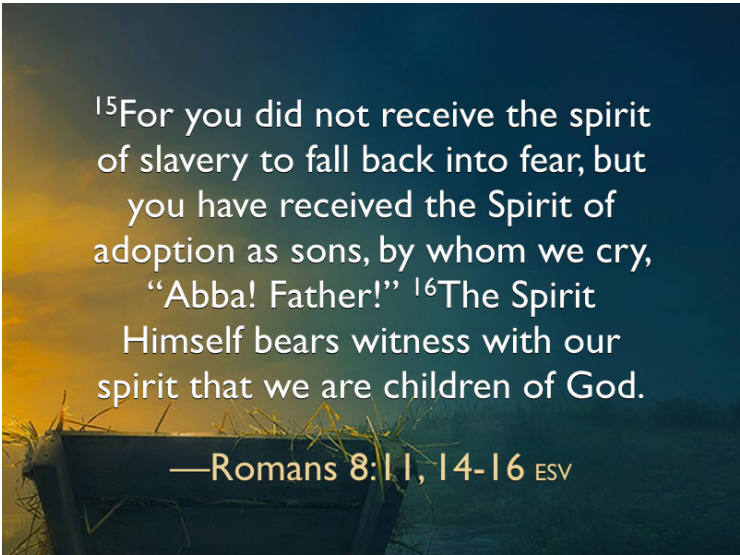
³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God”... ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” —John 3:3, 5-7 ESV

-.023.tiff

¹¹If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you...

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

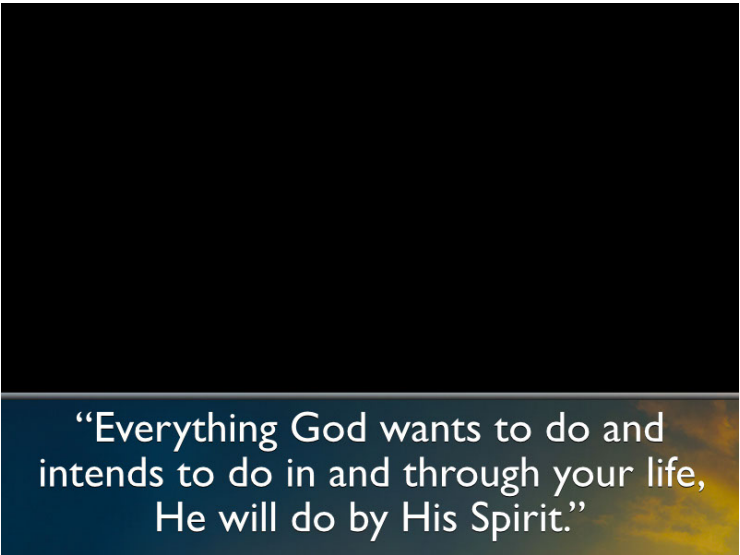
-.024.tiff



¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

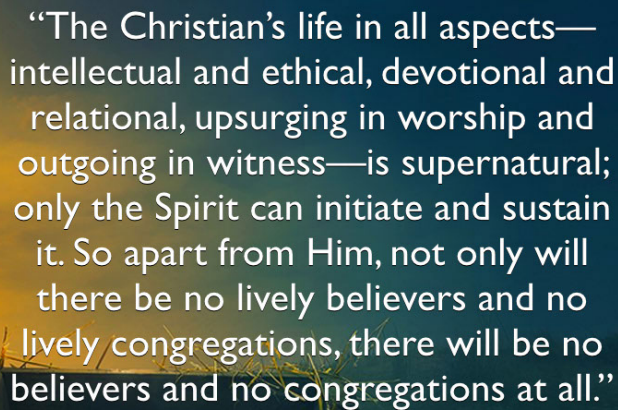
—Romans 8:11, 14-16 ESV

-.025.tiff



“Everything God wants to do and intends to do in and through your life, He will do by His Spirit.”

-.026.tiff



“The Christian’s life in all aspects—intellectual and ethical, devotional and relational, upsurging in worship and outgoing in witness—is supernatural; only the Spirit can initiate and sustain it. So apart from Him, not only will there be no lively believers and no lively congregations, there will be no believers and no congregations at all.”

—J.I. Packer

-.027.tiff