



## Whom did Jesus leave to guide us of things to come?



### John 16:12-15 (NIV)

**12** “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

**13** But when he, **the Spirit of truth**, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

**14** He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

**15** All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

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## **Why Is the Holy Spirit Called the Spirit of Truth?**

### **John 16:13 New International Version**

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#### **Jessica Udall Blaise Pascal said:**

“Truth is so obscure in these times, and falsehood so established, that, unless we love the truth, we cannot know it.”

It can feel like the truth is impossible to access since we only have our limited experiences and there are so many conflicting ideas in the world.

Yet we are not alone in our search for truth.

The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth, and one of his roles is to guide believers into all truth.

Jesus speaks about the Spirit of Truth soon after the last supper he ate with his disciples (John 13), where loving service had been the theme of his actions and teachings.



He has told the disciples some troubling things, including the fact that one of them will betray him and that Peter will deny him three times.

**But Jesus encourages them:**



**John 14:1-6 New International Version**

**Jesus Comforts His Disciples**

**14** “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God<sup>[a]</sup>; believe also in me.

2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

**Jesus the Way to the Father**

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me

**Philip** misses the point of Jesus' encouragement and says:

“Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us” (**John 14:8**), and it gives Jesus the opportunity to emphasize the fellowship and unity of the Trinity, saying:

“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me”

**John 14:9,11(NIV):**

**9** Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

**11** Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

## **But Jesus doesn’t stop there**

**He also includes the Holy Spirit in the discussion:**

**Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit - John 14:15-17 (NIV)**

**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[c] in you.

The disciples must have been feeling rather bereft and lost contemplating their lives without Jesus in the flesh by their side.

How could anything possibly be better than what they had experienced, walking and talking with Jesus day by day?

Yet Jesus seems very sure that the coming Holy Spirit will be even better than anything the disciples could yet imagine.

### **Jesus comforts the disciples:**

‘I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you’

**(John 14:18 (NIV):**

**18** I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

This verse as well as the following statement that “in that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you” shows the intricate relationship of the members of the Trinity.



Yes, Jesus is leaving them in a bodily sense, but he is not truly leaving them.

In verses 16 and 17 mentioned above as well as in verse 26 all three members are mentioned:

### **John 14:16,17, 26 New International Version**

**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[c] in 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.

“The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name...will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

In the next chapter, Jesus teaches about abiding in Him, which carries the meaning of being continually held and kept in him, not departing but remaining present with him.

### **“But how is this abiding possible?”**

The disciples must have wondered because Jesus again begins to comfort them with the assurance of the impending arrival of the indwelling Holy Spirit:



## **John 15:26 New International Version**

### **The Work of the Holy Spirit**

**26** “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

Jesus continues leading the disciples through their grieving process as the transition between his earthly ministry and the coming of the Holy Spirit is set in motion.

He empathizes with them: “Because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

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” (John 16:6-8 (NIV):**

## **John 16:6-8 New International Version**

**6** Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. **7** But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. **8** When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

Finally, a few verses later, he says the following:

“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”

### **John 16:13 New International Version**

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

### **Why Does Jesus Give the Name of Spirit of Truth to the Holy Spirit?**

The Holy Spirit is called “The Spirit of Truth” because our connection with him is what enables us to obey the command of

### **2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)**

**Do your best** to present **yourself** to God as one approved, a worker who **does** not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

The disciples of Jesus both then and now are not expected to figure everything out on their own.

Instead, they will be guided by the Helper.

We will experience his guidance minute-by-minute as he applies God's Word to our hearts and lives.

## **The Holy Spirit is described using many names in the Bible.**

**Besides being referred to as the Spirit of Truth, he is also called:**

### **1. The Spirit of holiness**

“[Jesus] was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead”

#### **Romans 1:4 New International Version**

4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power<sup>[a]</sup> by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **2. The Spirit of life**

#### **Romans 8:2 New International Version**

2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you<sup>[a]</sup> free from the law of sin and death.

### **3. The Spirit of wisdom and revelation**

#### **Ephesians 1:16-17 New International Version**

16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit<sup>[a]</sup> of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

## **4. The Spirit of grace**

### **Hebrews 10:29 New International Version**

29 How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

## **5. The Spirit of glory**

### **1 Peter 4:14 New International Version**

14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

## **What Does This Teach Us about Truth?**

Believers are not on their own as they search for truth.

Rather, they will be “guided into all truth” by the Spirit of God. And this is a wonderful comfort as we walk through the world, knowing that **Jesus says**:

### **John 8:32 New International Version**

32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

### **John 17:17 New International Version**

17 Sanctify them by<sup>[a]</sup> the truth; your word is truth.

## **Ephesians 4:15 New International Version**

15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Through his power, “speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ”

The Holy Spirit is called many things in the Bible, but his **identity as the Spirit of truth is highlighted in the book of John.**

**We can thank God that we will be guided into truth as we learn to “keep in step with the Spirit.”**

## **Galatians 5:16-26 New International Version**

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever<sup>[a]</sup> you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.



## **Psalm 25:5 New International Version**

**5**

Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.



**Friends, please remember that You can't buy your way into  
heaven or out of Hell.**

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