

“The Spirit of Truth”

John 14:15-17

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. (John 14:16-17 NKJ)

I. *He is called the Spirit of truth because He is the primary Author of the Word of God(which is truth) and He helps us to understand and embrace the Word of God –*

1. *He is the Author / Inspirer of God’s Word –*

knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:20-21 NKJ)

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJ)

2. *God’s Word is truth –*

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (John 17:17 NKJ)

3. *The Spirit of God will help us embrace the Word of God as truth, He will give us a delight in it –*

Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. (Psalm 1:1-2 NKJ)

A. *This “delight” is spoken of as an appetite for God’s Word, something both young and mature Christians should have – as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, (1 Peter 2:2 NKJ)*

Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. (Jeremiah 15:16 NKJ)

In Jeremiah’s case, he was called to make a stand for God’s truth, Jeremiah 15:15-21

B. *It is the Spirit’s task to take this (our embracing of God’s Word – Truth) to the point of our taking a stand for God’s Truth –*
"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8 NKJ)

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them.²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I *am* with you to save you And deliver you," says the LORD.²¹ "I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible." (Jeremiah 15:19-21 NKJ)

II. *He is called the Spirit of Truth because He teaches us and leads us in the things of Christ, Who is also Truth –*

1. *Jesus is Truth –*

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6 NKJ)

¹⁴ "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,`These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: (Rev 3:14 NKJ)

2. *The Holy Spirit, as the Spirit of Truth helps us to know the things of Christ –*

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. (John 15:26 NKJ)

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.¹⁴ "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. (John 16:13-14 NKJ)

Note what the Spirit does –

A. *He testifies of Jesus Christ, He glorifies Christ, He declares what is Christ’s to us –*

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."¹⁰ But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:9-10 NKJ)

B. *He guides us into "all truth" – John 16:13*
He will teach us about Heaven and Hell, about God's grace and His wrath!
The preacher who says, "I never preach against sin, I never speak about God's wrath" is not being led by God's Spirit –

Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said to me, "Speak! Thus says the LORD: "Thus you have said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind."⁶ "You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain."⁷ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Your slain whom you have laid in its midst, they are the meat, and this *city is* the caldron; but I shall bring you out of the midst of it."⁸ "You have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you," says the Lord GOD.⁹ "And I will bring you out of its midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and execute judgments on you."¹⁰ "You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you at the border of Israel. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD."¹¹ "This *city* shall not be your caldron, nor shall you be the meat in its midst. I will judge you at the border of Israel."¹² "And you shall know that I *am* the LORD; for you have not walked in My statutes nor executed My judgments, but have done according to the customs of the Gentiles which *are* all around you." (Ezekiel 11:5-12 NKJ)

C. *God's Spirit will give us hearts for God's laws –*
"Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,²⁰ "that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God."²¹ "But *as for those whose hearts follow the desire for their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their deeds on their own heads,*" says the Lord GOD. (Ezekiel 11:19-21 NKJ)

III. *He is called the Spirit of truth because He can lead us past the maze of lies we encounter in this sin-filled world -*

1. *We live in a world controlled by falsehood. Now, when I say this, I am not denying God's sovereignty or His overall control of EVERYTHING, but I am simply affirming a truth even Jesus' taught*

that Satan, that fork-tongued lying serpent, is "ruler of this world"
John 12:31; 14:30 & 16:11

"the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; ... (John 14:17 NKJ)

"Planned parenthood" a lie / "Evolution" a lie / "Man-made global warming" a lie / "Nazis protecting the Jews" a lie /

Mormonism, Islam, Atheism, Polytheism, Humanism – all these things and many more, they are all lies ...

The lies in this world are more than I can count, definitely more than I can list in this sermon! How can you detect a lie? Know the TRUTH!

The Jews in Jesus' day, who thought they were children of Abraham, when still living in sin, were according to Jesus, living a lie -

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. (John 8:44 NKJ)

How do you kill eleven million people? The answer is breathtakingly simple. Lie to them. Andy Andrews

¹² **There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death. (Pro 14:12 NKJ)**

2. *Yet, God's Spirit will not only lead us past the lies in this world but also those in our own sinful hearts –*

⁹ **"The heart *is* deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9 NKJ)**

¹⁶ **I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.**

¹⁷ **For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. (Gal 5:16-17 NKJ)**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJ)