

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

### **'KNOWING CHRISTIANITY'**

#### **Study - 7**

#### **'What do we believe about Holy Spirit?'**

#### **John 14 v15 - 31 & 16 v5 - 16**

There are 3 key questions which we need to ask about the Holy Spirit - and these are.....

#### **1. THE HOLY SPIRIT - WHO IS HE?**

Answer - the Holy Spirit is the 3rd Person of the Trinity. What we're saying in this answer, is 2 things.....

#### **A. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSONAL BEING**

The Holy Spirit is always referred to in the Bible as 'He', and never (though the noun is neuter) as 'it'.

Note - The Holy Spirit has all the characteristics of personhood.

#### **B. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A DIVINE BEING**

He is God - distinct from and yet equal with God the Father and God the Son. See - Acts 5 v3 - 4

#### **2. THE HOLY SPIRIT - WHERE DOES HE LIVE?**

Context - Jesus was going away. The disciples were distraught. Jesus makes this promise - 14 v18. And so - 14 v16. Note here, the word - "another", means - 'exactly the same'. In other words - the Holy Spirit is another Jesus. And where does He live? See - 14 v17b & Gal 4 v6.

Key Point - in the person of the Holy Spirit, Jesus is to us today all that He was to the disciples when He was on earth. See - 16 v7

## **2. THE HOLY SPIRIT - WHAT DOES HE DO?**

Key Text - 16 v14. The great work of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ - it's to floodlight Jesus. How does He do this?

### **A. BY BRINGING US TO JESUS**

See - 14 v19. The work of the Holy Spirit is to bring us from spiritual death to spiritual life. See - Jn 3 v5 - 6. How does this happen? See - 16 v8 & Acts 2 v37 - 38

### **B. BY TEACHING US ABOUT JESUS**

Jesus anticipated the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.....

#### **(i) By reminding the disciples of what He had said**

See - 14 v26

#### **(ii) By inspiring the disciples as to what they should write**

See - 16 v12 - 13

Note - Whilst the Holy Spirit inspired the disciples / apostles to write Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit inspires us to understand and obey Holy Scripture.

### **C. BY HELPING US TO LIVE FOR JESUS**

"Counsellor" - 'the Helper'. How does the Holy Spirit help us to live for Jesus in a hostile world?

#### **(i) By equipping us**

By giving us gifts. See - Rom 12, 1 Cor 12, Eph 4

#### **(ii) By empowering us**

See - Acts 1 v8

### **D. BY MAKING US LIKE JESUS**

See - 2 Cor 3 v18. For a picture of this, see - Gal 5 v22. But how does this come about? See - 14 v15, v21, v23. By loving Jesus, by trusting Jesus, by obeying Jesus.