

## ESSENTIALS - Dave Solmes

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**Question:** When is the last time you had an 'I didn't know?' moment?

**Big Idea:** It is so important Christians consider what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit?

**Big Idea:** God has always carried a priority to draw near to people.

#1. The Garden of Eden – Genesis 3. God walking near Adam and Eve. We see a God who is paying attention, commenting, and involved because He was with them.

#2. The Tent of Meeting (Tabernacle) - Exodus 33. Following God's specific instructions on how to make a physical Place of Meeting we see the construction of the old testament tabernacle ('tent of meeting').

#3. The Permanent Temple – 1 Chronicles 28:10. Following God's specific instructions to build a more permanent meeting place for God and people.

**#4.** God's vision to be with people outgrew Eden, the tabernacle, the temple so God sent His Son – Jesus.

Read: Colossians 2:9

Read: John 1:14

Read John 10:30

**Big Idea:** While Jesus was on earth (33 years), the meeting place on earth, with God, was Jesus. And OH – how good that was.

Question: Where are we today with the unfolding of God's plan of drawing near even though there is: No Eden, No Tabernacle, No Temple, No Jesus on Earth?

### **1<sup>ST</sup> Action of God: "He will give you another advocate" (helper).**

The exact word that is used in our text speaks of 'another in addition'. Not the other meaning of the word "another" which is 'another in distinction'. The difference between these two words is significant. The Holy Spirit is another in addition (to Jesus). Not another in distinction.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> Action of God: "I will not leave you as orphans."**

Question: In what way do we fear aloneness?

### **3<sup>RD</sup> Action of God: "I will come to you."**

It is essential that we appreciate this. God taking action to ensure that His dwelling place would now be the body of individual believers.

Read: 1 Corinthians 6:19

Big Idea: The human frame, this body, this tent while not designed to last forever, while alive on earth is a dwelling place for God. The Christian is the body of Christ. The Christian is now God's meeting place on earth. The Christian is now the bodily form OF JESUS . This has always been the desire of God for His people.

Read: 1 Corinthians 5:5

### **Question: How do we receive the Spirit? How do we receive this new life?**

#### **#1. Receive by way of confession:**

Read: 1 John 4:15

Read: Romans 8:9, "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him."

Big Idea: What is the difference between a Christian and everyone else? The difference being the Holy Spirit that lives within the Christian.

#### **#2. Receiving by way of surrender to the life the Holy Spirit offers:**

Read: Romans 8:11

The Holy Spirit offers a life that we don't have without the spirit:

- The Holy Spirit makes God seem near, because He literally is near.
- The Holy spirit enables us to live with God - not just for God.
- The infilling of the Holy Spirit is God up close and personal filling us with Himself - divine life - Zoe life.