

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Sermon Outline, John 16
Sermon Series: The Gospel of John
Sunday, November 16, 2025
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+ Matthew 16:18, "I will build My church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it" (NLT).

+ John 14:1, "Do not let your heart be troubled . . ." (NASB).

- "Troubled" is the Greek New Testament word [ταράσσω, tarasso]. It carries the idea of "being stirred or shaken up" (See John 5:7 & John 13:21).

In John 16, Jesus Gives Us 8 Roles of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit helps us through _____ (John 16:1-4).
2. As our Advocate, the Holy Spirit is there to _____ us (John 14:5-6).
 - In verse 7 Jesus uses the word "Advocate." This is the Greek New Testament word [παράκλητος; parakletos]. This word means "one who comes alongside of to help, to counsel and to advise).
3. The Holy Spirit will _____ the world of sin (John 16:8-11).
 - The word "convict" is the Greek New Testament word [ἐλέγχω; elengcho]. It means to bring "to light, to expose, to refute, to convict, to convince." He convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

This Week Try These 3 Actions

- (a) Depend on the Holy Spirit's witness by praying for an _____.
 - (b) Depend on the Holy Spirit's witness by trusting that He's speaking to someone you've been _____.
 - (c) Depend on the Holy Spirit by talking to somebody about Christ, even though you know in your heart they may never _____.
4. The Holy Spirit _____ the believer (John 16:12-15).

The Holy Spirit Does This In 3 Primary Ways

- (a) The Holy Spirit guides towards _____ (vs. 13).
 - (b) The Holy Spirit guides towards _____ (vs. 13).
 - (c) The Holy Spirit will always guide us towards _____ (vs. 15).
5. The Holy Spirit helps us through temporary _____ (John 16:20-22).
 - + Revelation 21:1-4, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, 'Look, God's home is now among His people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever" (NLT).
 - + Psalms 30:5b, "Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning" (NLT).
 6. Relying on _____ through the Holy Spirit is our primary means to get through sorrow and pain (John 16:23-24).

Ten Reasons To Pray By Reuben Torrey In His Book, How To Pray, pp. 17-32)

- (a) Because there is a _____ and because prayer is the God-appointed means of resisting him (Eph. 6:12).
 - (b) Because prayer is God's way for us to _____ what we need from Him (James 4:2).
 - (c) Because the _____, whom God set forth to be a pattern for us, considered prayer to be the most important business of their lives (Acts 6:4).
 - (d) Prayer occupied a very prominent place and played a very important part in the earthly life of our _____ (Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12).
 - (e) Prayer was the most important part of the present _____ of our Lord (Rom. 8:34).
 - (f) Prayer is the means that God has appointed for our receiving _____, and obtaining _____ to help in time of need (Heb. 4:16).
 - (g) Prayer in the name of Jesus Christ is the way Jesus Christ Himself has appointed for His disciples to obtain fullness of _____ (John 16:24, Ps. 16:11).
 - (h) Because prayer with thanksgiving is the means of obtaining _____ from anxiety and, in anxiety's place receive that peace which passes understanding (Phil. 4:6-7).
 - (i) Because prayer is the means by which we are to keep watchful and be alert at Christ's _____ (Luke 21:24-26).
 - (j) Because prayer is used by God to promote our _____ growth, bring _____ into our work, _____ others to faith in Christ, and bring all other blessing to Christ's church (Ps. 139:23-24).
7. The Holy Spirit calls to our mind _____ (John 14:26).
- + Psalm 119:11, "*I have hidden Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You*" (NLT).
8. The Holy Spirit gives us _____ to keep going (John 16:30-33).

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- 1. Look over these 8 roles of the Holy Spirit. If you were ranking them, which would be your top 3 and why?
- 2. In the 3 actions to take this week, who is that person for you? When will you start these 3 actions?
- 3. As you look over the 10 reasons to pray, which should be your top priority and why?
- 4. As you trust that our sorrow and pain are temporary, think about this. Which circumstances that cause "tears" for you can you rejoice knowing God will wipe away one day forever based on Revelation 21:1-4?
- 5. When it comes to the Holy Spirit, what kind of relationship do you currently have with Him and why?