



essentials

KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

The Holy Spirit

Read the following verses:

John 14:15-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15.

EXAMINING THE TEXT

1. What are the different things that the Spirit does in these verses in John?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. According to the verses in John, what ways is the role of the Holy Spirit the same as the role of the Lord Jesus while he was on earth? In what ways is the Holy Spirit's role different (and more effective) than the role of the Lord Jesus while he was on earth?
2. Some new Christians express the view that they really wish they could see Jesus the way the disciples (Peter, James, John, etc) saw Him. They sometimes feel it would be better to have the Lord's physical presence than to have the Holy Spirit with them today. How would you address this view (based upon the Scriptures above & your experience)?
3. Some Bible-teachers assert that the gift of tongues ceased after the apostolic age of the early church (after Peter, Paul, John etc. passed away). Is there any Biblical basis for this assertion? (If so what is it?) Does the experience of Christians around the globe during the last 100 years support or refute this assertion?

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

1. Which ways do you find help you to experience the filling of the Holy Spirit from day-to-day? Do those ways ever change? Do they always work? Why or why not?