

John 16 | April 28, 2024
Sermon Notes
Praying in the Spirit:
Who is the Holy Spirit?
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I. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

II. The Trinity

- A. Term never appears in the Bible
- B. Different images and illustrations to capture the mystery
- C. Each falls short, but wants to affirm:
 - 1. Monotheism vs. Polytheism
 - 2. Three persons, one essence
 - 3. Not limited to a single function

III. The Holy Spirit

- A. Glimpses in the Old Testament
- B. Jesus in John 16: But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
 - 1. Advocate = Para/clete = One to call out alongside you
 - 2. Com/forter = One with strength who is with you
- C. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit as the one to defend and strengthen you as you go through trials and suffering.

IV. Igniting the Holy Spirit

- A. The Spirit blows where it wills
- B. Illustration of the pilot light: WHOOSH!
- C. When/Where have you experienced that WHOOSH!

V. Vibrant Churches/People

- A. Three common factors
 - 1. Worship as a priority
 - 2. Focus on children and youth ministries
 - 3. Talk about the Holy Spirit
- B. Why is that so important?
 - 1. What was Jesus' most frequent command?
 - 2. How the Holy Spirit helps us
- C. Got it?