



## Weekly Bible Study

### Lesson: Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

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**Scripture:** [John 14:16-17, 16:23-24](#)

#### [Chapter 14](#)

<sup>16</sup> *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—*

<sup>17</sup> *The Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

#### [Chapter 16](#)

<sup>23</sup> *In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.*

<sup>24</sup> *Until now, you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*

#### Preface

Last week, we studied and learned that love is the motivation to serve in Christ's body. This week, we will discover that being filled with the Holy Spirit is the strength to serve in Christ's body. For GOD'S spiritual gifts to operate within us, the Holy Spirit must be the operator of the gifts (*Review [1 Corinthians 12:11](#)*). We may ask, "How does the Holy Spirit use us?" The answer is prayer. Our prayers move the Holy Spirit. Let's see how:

#### Survey of the Scripture Verses

#### [Chapter 14](#)

As part of His upper room discourse, Jesus reminded his disciples that if they loved Him, they should keep His commands ([V15](#)). Then, He told them that He would seek the Father and give them an Advocate to be with them forever ([V16](#)). By this time, the disciples knew GOD as their heavenly Father. Jesus taught them this when they were young in their spiritual walk to acknowledge GOD as their Father for everything ([Matthew 6:9-15](#)). They glorified and depended upon Him for their needs as their Father. As they grew spiritually, Jesus taught them how to pray and fast to gain greater spiritual strength over demonic powers and to be persistent in their prayers ([Matthew 17:19-21](#), [Luke 18:6-8](#)). Now, they were spiritually mature and no longer considered servants, but His friends, having revealed all things He heard from the heavenly Father to them ([John 15:14-15](#)). Their union with Jesus was such that they could ask for anything from the Father in His name, and the Father would give it to them ([John 15:16](#)).



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Jesus promised His disciples and His church today an eternal Helper: The Holy Spirit. We should know this: *Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot live as “Spirit-filled” disciples that GOD would want us to be.* We must understand who the Holy Spirit is, what He does, and how He does things. Besides being called an Advocate, the Holy Spirit is also known as a Comforter. What does this mean? This means that the Holy Spirit comes alongside and assists us. Also, Jesus called Him the Spirit of Truth that will live and be in them ([V17](#)). This is not limited to the disciples alone. It includes disciples who follow the Lord today. The Holy Spirit works in and through us. He gives us the strength to do the work of Christ.

Why is the Holy Spirit called the Spirit of Truth? The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth because of His heavenly oneness with Jesus Christ and the divine Father—One GOD in three persons. Also, during this discourse with the disciples in the upper room, He said this to them: “I am the way and the truth and the life...” ([V6](#)). Later, while in the garden, He prayed and acknowledged that the Word of GOD is truth. (See [John 17:17](#)) As disciples, we gain inspiration and understanding of the Word of GOD from the Holy Spirit. Since He is the Spirit of Truth, He cannot lie or be joined to lying. He will not lead us to do something contrary to the Word of GOD. If we want the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, then we must seek to glorify Christ and grow in the Word of GOD. How do we do this? We pray like Jesus taught us, strengthening our prayer life.

#### Chapter 16

The Scripture verses in this chapter focus on prayer. Jesus gave His disciples authority to pray and ask the heavenly Father anything in His name, promising that the Father would answer their prayers. He gave them this authority because of His union with the Father and the church’s union with the Father and Him. (See [John 17:202-21](#)) If we observe the marriage union, we see that a wife will take her husband's name as her own. Because of the marriage union, she has the authority to function in her husband’s name to handle family matters. Such is the union that Jesus has with His church, which is called the bride of Christ. (See [Revelation 19:7-8](#)) Also, this is His point to the disciples about praying and asking the Father in His name.

Remember, Jesus told the disciples what would happen when He departed from the earth. Jesus made a statement to them about when this would happen. When you read [verse 23](#), Jesus said, “In that day...” What day? The day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit’s outpouring happened. ([V23a](#)). This tremendous outpouring was a power in the disciples' prayers that had never been seen before. This did not occur until Jesus returned to the Father as He said and sent the Holy Spirit as He promised. ([John 15:26](#))



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#### Questions

1. As Christ's disciples grew spiritually, what were the three significant things they learned from Him about prayer?

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2. What are the names of the Holy Spirit mentioned in this lesson, and what do they mean?

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How does the Holy Spirit help us to pray according to the Scriptures?

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