



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
 John 14:15-18 & 25-26
 From Sermon 11.10.24

Read *John 14:15-18 & 25-26*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: The preparation for Jesus' departure continues. He must equip them for the days and the monumental task ahead of them. In the same way He does us, Jesus is showering them with gifts of grace: love, comfort, truth, & promise. He now reveals the new-coming source of their power and ministry: God the Holy Spirit. Just as Christ took on this ministry of coming to earth to die for the elect, the Holy Spirit will now take a new ministry—that of indwelling each and every believer.

1. From both this key text and your knowledge of other passages, list as many titles as you can for this 3rd member of the Trinity: Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Christ, Spirit of God, Comforter, Helper, Advocate, Reminder, He who convicts...

2. Jesus promised, in His departure, He'd send "...another Advocate...the Spirit of truth". Discuss: "Another". He does not mean something different from Himself in nature, substance, or purpose. In Greek, there are two words for "another". Another of the same kind and another of a different kind. Versus English, which only has one word. Example: another piece of pie (same) vs. finding another doctor (different).

3. In the ministry of the promised Holy Spirit, we must be sure we know He's not coming for the first time. He is both eternal and omnipresent. What does Jesus mean here? A new way. A new ministry upon each and every believer. Previously, He only empowered certain individuals: Prophets, bible writers, kings (Saul vs. David), military leaders. See also *1 Samuel 16:13-14 & Psalm 51:11 & 2 Peter 1:21*

4. The ministries of the Holy Spirit are profound and fascinating. Read *Isaiah 11:2*. List the description, title, and ministries in the passage. Divinity, wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, & fear.

4a. He's also referred to as the seven-fold Spirit 4 times in Revelation. Now, discuss how He passes on each of those needed traits to the Church. To do church, each of those qualities is needed. While every believer possesses those qualities, individual members are exceptionally gifted with those for the Body.

4b. The empowering of the Church through each believer: the giving of Spiritual gifts. See *1 Corinthians 12:1-7*. Then, look up each passage below and list the gifts that are given.

<u>Scripture Passage</u>	<u>Gift (s)</u>
<i>1 Corinthians 12:8-10</i>	<u>word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, distinguishing spirits, tongues, translation of tongues</u>
<i>Romans 12:3-8</i>	<u>prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, mercy</u>
<i>1 Peter 4:10-11</i>	<u>speaking & serving</u>

5. One more note on the Holy Spirit, the miraculous spiritual gifts, and cessationism. In regard to the miraculous gifts [miracles, healings, prophecy, & tongues], New Heights believes and teaches cessationism = those gifts ended with closing of the canon of Scripture. As with other times of miracles in the Bible, those gifts were needed to validate the authority and ministry of the Apostles. Once Scripture was complete, no further validation was/is needed.