

**THEME: TRUTH ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**TOPIC: TRUTH ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT AS YOUR FRIEND**

**TEXT: JOHN 14:16-17; I CORINTHIANS 2:10-11.**

## **INTRODUCTION**

We have established from our previous studies that ‘The Holy Spirit’ is a real personality. He is the executive of the Godhead and therefore knows and can reveal the mind of God to those who seek His friendship. The Bible describes the Holy Spirit as a person who has been present with the Father and the Son since before time began. The Spirit is integral to all of the things that God is described as doing in the Bible.

### **Holy Spirit as our Friend**

Friendship with the Holy Spirit means communion, direction, intimacy and depth in the things of God.

#### **1. The Holy Spirit is God’s solution to your need for perpetual counselling.**

John 14:16-17 (AMP)

- His counsel is deeper and greater.
- His counsel is wise. Proverbs 24:6
- His counsel is perfect. Job 12:13

**Q:** How do we recognise the counsel of the Holy Spirit in our everyday living?

#### **2. He is your ever present help in the time of need.**

Psalm 46:1-3.

- Our well proven help.

**Q:** How do you recognise the presence of the Holy Spirit when in need?

#### **3. The Holy Spirit is the best defence counsel you could ever have to argue your case.**

- Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the "Paraclete," meaning "Advocate." John 14:15-27
- Defends you in love. Psalm 91:14
- Your defence from earthly attack. Psalm 94:22

**4. He is our perpetual intercessor praying always for you.**

Romans 8:26-27

- To pray perfectly
- To pray in the will of the Lord
- To possess the future, before it comes

**5. The purpose of His coming is to befriend you.**

- John 14:16 (AMP)

**Q: How do you make friends with the Holy Spirit?**

**6. Divine energy is yours because of this fellowship.**

John 14:16 (AMP)

- To be an able witness.

**Q: In what ways does the Holy Spirit energise us?**

**7. He is the standby to respond to major and minor challenges.**

John 14:16 (AMP)

**Q: What should our attitude be to life challenges knowing the Holy Spirit is ever close by?**

**8. He is the Spirit of Truth sent to:**

- Protect you from error – John 16:13
- Set you free – 2 Corinthians 3:17
- Bring balance where facts are against you – John 14:17

**Conclusion**

From our study today and in the subsequent weeks to follow. We are made to appreciate that the Holy Spirit is one friend who will pray, sing, speak, guide and help needy people through us. He is truly the best friend we all need in our lives.

**Prayer:** Let us pray that we will have a deepened understanding of the Holy Spirit and ask your friend to walk with you, talk to you and take you into the depth of the Father's will.