

Jesus Gives Us a New Comforter

"The Ghost" Series- Part 1

HOOK: As a young man, one of my favorite television series was about a "Bionic Man". The main character, Steven Austin, had a terrible accident that left him without legs, an arm, and an eye. Back in the 1970's, it would only cost the American government 6 million dollars to give him artificial and super strong limbs. Here's the thing: he looked like a normal individual on the outside, but on the inside we, the viewers, knew that he had wiring, pumps, mechanics, etc. that made him better, stronger, and faster! He had a new lease on life with super extraordinary abilities. I wanted to be like Steve.

If you could have one "special ability" what would you desire and why?

Key Truth: *Jesus does give us a new lease on life and He sent the Holy Spirit to indwell and strengthen us!*

BOOK:

Joh 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

Joh 14:17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him. But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you.

Joh 16:7 But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you.

Joh 16:8 And when He comes, He will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

Joh 16:9 The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in Me.

Joh 16:10 Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no more.

Joh 16:11 Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

Joh 16:12 "There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now.

Joh 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future.

Joh 16:14 He will bring Me glory by telling you whatever He receives from Me.

Joh 16:15 All that belongs to the Father is Mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever He receives from Me.'

LOOK:

Look again at John 16:8-11

Note and discuss the meaning of the following three things that Jesus says the Holy Spirit will teach:

- convicts the world of it's sin and;
- of God's righteousness and;
- of the coming judgment

How have the above 3 things , taught by the Spirit, benefited your life?

How do verses 9-11 apply to you in your life?

Review verses 12-15. From these verses, what would you add to the Holy Spirit's job description?

Which of those things listed in verses 12-15 gives you the greatest comfort? Why?

TOOK:

What area of your life today needs the help that the Holy Spirit can provide?

What truth concerning the Ghost or Holy Spirit do you need to share with someone this week?