

Scripture: John 14:15-31

Lord's Day 20.53

Singing: 285:1-4 – 428:1-2 – 389:4, 5 – 178:1-4

Intro: The only real comfort is to be united to Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:21-23)

A. But how do I become united to Christ?

1. First answer: *through faith in Jesus Christ* (see John 6; LD 7.20)

2. Second answer: *through the Father's drawing us to faith in Christ* (6:44)

3. Third answer: *through the Spirit's ministry* (1 Cor 6:11; 12:3; 2 Cor. 3:3)

THE GLORY & COMFORT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (1)

I. In His Person II. In His saving works

I. The glory and comfort of the Person of the Holy Spirit

A. The Spirit always stands on the background in Scripture

1. Consider examples in John 6:44; Eph. 1:2; 2:1, 4 etc.

2. Though usually mentioned *third* He is not on the third place (1 Peter 1:2)

3. He is never to be considered merely as the *power of God*
 - a. The NT revelation completely supports Him as a distinct Person
 - compare John 14:16-17; 26; Rom. 8:16, 26; 1 Cor. 2:10; 12:11

 - b. Scripture reveals that each Person has a *primary function* in relationship to the work of creation/providence and redemption

B. Bible celebrates *love of Father & Son* (John 3:16) and the Spirit (Rom. 15:30)

1. Spirit's love is not less real or personal than the *Father's and Son's*
 - a. He is equally divine in all His attributes

 - b. He is equally willing to be poured out as the Son was willing to be sent

c. His coming to earth *to perform His labors* reveals His love

2. Spirit's work is also not less needed than Jesus' work in life/death

LIVING THESE TRUTHS ...

A. Do not omit to give the Holy Spirit the worship He is due to receive

B. Resist not the Holy Spirit as He strives with our spirits thru Word: Is. 63:7-10

GEMS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Christian may not always be conscious of the Holy Spirit's presence,
but none would or could be a Christian in His absence.



It is the Spirit's ministry to bring the sinner to Jesus
and to make the sinner like unto the Lord and Savior.



A great part of our prayer work should be to implore
the Almighty for a greater measure of His Spirit. (W. Chantry)



The Holy Spirit's influences are the seed and bud of heaven. (M. Henry)



There is no better evangelist in the world than the Holy Spirit. (D. L. Moody)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart
and wean it from earth, though all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
(George Croly)