Who the Spirit Is
John 14:15-29

"Without the Spirit of God we can do nothing. We are as ships without wind or chariots without steeds. Like branches without sap, we are withered. Like coals without fire, we are useless. As an offering without the sacrificial flame, we are unaccepted … There are many things that are desirable for the church of Christ, but one thing is absolutely needful; and this is the one thing: the power of the Holy Ghost in the midst of his people."   --Charles Spurgeon

Many Christians today don't experience the fullness of the Spirit because they don't _____ His work in them.

What the Spirit does …

1) He _____ for us.

> ➤ "Paraclete" = comforter, _____, helper
> ➤ The Spirit _____ the truth to us.

>> • When our hearts _____ us … Romans 8:1; 1 John 3:20
>> • When circumstances make us feel like God has _____ us … Hebrews 13:5; John 14:17-18

> ➤ The Spirit _____ for us to the Father.

>> Jesus as our Advocate … Hebrews 7:25, "He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."

>> The Spirit as our Advocate … Romans 8:26, "The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

2) He _____ and _____.

> ➤ For the Apostles, it's the promise of _____. 2 Peter 1:21, "For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

>> 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is breathed out by God …"

> ➤ For us, it's the promise of _____. 1 Corinthians 12:3, "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit."

>> • In times of _____.
>> • In times of _____.
>> • When _____ Christ with others.

Question: What's the effect of the Spirit's work in your life?

Answer: Verse 27 … _____ = a calm and quiet _____ in God.

Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts."

Isaiah 53:5, "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed."