

“RADICALLY NEW”

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John 15:26-27 (NIV)- “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”

John 15:26-27 (TPT)- “I will send you the Divine Encourager from the very presence of my Father. He will come to you, the Spirit of Truth, emanating from the Father, and he will speak to you about me. And you will tell everyone the truth about me. For you have walked with me from the start.”

CORE: The Holy Spirit brings us into a RADICALLY NEW RELATIONSHIP with the Living God—making EVERYTHING NEW.

Here are just a few of the new dynamics:

1. NEW CONNECTION

- **He “emanates from the Father”—bringing the heart of the Father to our hearts**
- **He also “tells everyone the truth (about who Jesus is)”**
- **Jesus said- “If you’ve seen Me—you’ve seen My Father.” He also referred to the Holy Spirit as “another Comforter—just like Me!” And He prayed- “Let the same love we share (with one another) be IN THEM”**

NOTE: We can have “fellowship”—close, enduring friendship—with Him! We can’t be more closely joined than this! (*We are IN Jesus—He is IN us; We are IN the Father, and we can know the Father as Jesus does!*)

The SAME HOLY SPIRIT who was upon Jesus FILLS AND FLOWS THROUGH US!

- **“I AM THE VINE—YOU ARE THE BRANCHES” (John 15:5)**
- We share the **same “life-giving sap”!** Grape sap produces grapes! His life in us—a living testimony that we belong to Him!
- **JESUS IS “THE HEAD—WE ARE HIS BODY” (Colossians 1:18)**
- This is too amazing for words! Because **what the Head is—the Body is!**
- **NOTE:** Can’t say- “My head is a millionaire—and my body is homeless.”
- **Paul calls this “losing connection with the Head” (Colossians 2:19)—being disconnected from your true identity in Jesus!**
- **WE ARE NOW “THE TEMPLE OF GOD”! HOLY SPIRIT lives here!!!**
- We are “**living stones**”—the rocks that cry out!

2. NEW LIFESTYLE

- **“He will glorify Me in you” (John 16:14)**
- We are now **the arenas where Jesus displays Himself!**
- **“YOU WILL TESTIFY ABOUT ME” (John 15:27)**
 - KJV refers to this as our **“conversation”—literally our “lifestyle”; you didn’t say it unless you could back it up with your life.** More than discussing theories—revealing your reality!
 - **Others** refer to this as **“being witnesses”**—from the Greek word, **“martyr”**. Initially meant, “I believe this—even if I have to die for it! This is my heart—and my life proves it!” [NOTE: Eventually came to mean “those who died for a cause”—but it originally pointed to a lifestyle.]
 - **“But I haven’t ‘arrived.’” Holy Spirit is our “seal of ownership—guaranteeing what is TO COME!” (2 Corinthians 1:22)**
- **NOTE:** Don’t wait until you have something **“profound” to say—people want real. You have a STORY—**how He drew you, touched your life—**simply tell it. (His yoke is “easy”—our fears make it hard!)**

3. NEW SOURCE OF POWER

Here is one of the promises the Holy Spirit is fulfilling in you:

Ezekiel 36:26-27- “And I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit within you. And I will remove the heart of stone out of your flesh and sensitize your heart to Mine. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and keep My commandments.”

He said: “I WILL CAUSE YOU TO WALK IN MY WAYS!”

Jesus’ promise: “When the Holy Spirit comes upon you—you will receive His power causing you to be a living testimony of what I can do in a yielded life!” (Paraphrase of Acts 1:8)

- **Why Paul said: “I no longer live, but Christ lives in me” (Gal. 2:20)**
- **And: “For, to me, to live is Christ!” (Phil. 1:21)**
- **STOP TRYING TO BE A CHRISTIAN!** (Impossible to “imitate” Jesus—i.e., as laughable as a dog mimicking a human)
- **The real question is not “WWJD?”** It’s, **“Jesus, what are You doing IN me? And how can I cooperate with You?”**
- **Stop trying to love or trying to forgive, etc.** The One who IS love lives in you! The One who embodies forgiveness lives in you!

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

- **God's not "up there" or "around us"—He lives IN us by the H.S.!**
- **i.e., Honeymoon Suite story**
- **Though the disciples had to "wait" 10 days in the Upper Room for Him—we don't have to wait. We can experience His "radically new" NOW!**