

Sermon Notes

The indwelling Holy Spirit

John 14:15-31

Intro: Jesus is going away, so things are about to get... BETTER! (15:5-7)

Q1: What does the coming of the Holy Spirit offer?

God the Holy Trinity making home in human hearts

vv17, 20, 21, 23

Q2: Who experiences this huge blessing of the Spirit?

Those who love Jesus, and so obey his words

<i>The Apostles ('you') who <u>love Jesus</u> and <u>keep his commands</u></i>	15-20
<i>Whoever <u>keeps Jesus' commands</u> and <u>loves him</u></i>	21
<i>Anyone who <u>loves Jesus</u> and <u>keeps his commands</u></i>	23
<i>But whoever does not keep <u>Jesus' words</u> does not <u>love him</u></i>	24

→ So one cannot claim to have the Holy Spirit and not love and obey Jesus' words

→ So one cannot claim to love Jesus and ignore/change what he says

→ So one cannot know God without Jesus' words (cf. 14:6-7)

Q3: But how can we know for sure what Jesus' words are today?

The Spirit equipped the Apostles to remember all of Jesus' words

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→ So the sign of a Spirit-filled person or church will be a deep commitment to love Jesus by obeying his words as recorded by the Apostles (i.e. the New Testament)

Conclusion: when looking at the Bible doesn't feel very "spiritual"...