***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT***

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**Question:** How well do we know the Holy Spirit?

If we want to know God, we must know the Holy Spirit.

Fellowship with God is impossible without the Holy Spirit!

**John 14:16** …*And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, so that He may be with you forever,*

**John 14:26** …*But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you.*

**John 15:26** …*And when the Comforter has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He shall testify of Me.*

**John 16:7** …*But I tell you the truth, it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you. But if I depart, I will send Him to you.*

**The Holy Spirit is our Helper.**

Often we look to the wrong place for help.
But how many of us look on the inside for help?
How many of us depend on the Holy Spirit who dwells within us to help us?
Seek help from God within us.

The Holy Spirit is always within us as a Comforter to help and comfort us in any need. If we depend upon Him to comfort us, He will do it. We’ll have comfort from within.

**The Holy Spirit is our Counsellor.**

He'll counsel with us.
And the Scriptures say He will lead us into all truth.

**John 16:13** …*However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. For He shall not speak of Himself, but whatever He hears, He shall speak. And He will announce to you things to come.*

**The Holy Spirit is our Advocate.**

The word 'advocate" means a lawyer who pleads our cause. He can and will help us. He knows how to plead our case.

**The Holy Spirit is our Intercessor.**

This has to do with our prayer life. **Romans 8:26** …*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself [Himself] maketh intercession for us with groaning’s which cannot be uttered.*

The Apostle Paul is talking about what the Holy Spirit will do to help believers in prayer. Notice Paul, writing to the Romans, is talking to people who are not only born of the Spirit, but who are also filled with the Spirit.

**The Holy Spirit is our Strengthener.**

When we need inside strength, where does it come from? The Holy Spirit is already dwelling within us to give us strength!

**The Holy Spirit is our Standby.**

He's just standing by waiting for us to ask for His help. He is standing by to help us any time we need Him.

When we have a problem, and we need an answer from God, we often depend on our flesh, more than the Holy Spirit. We pray out of our minds, which often times is filled with confusion and worry. We pray with doubt, and do not believe that God listens to us.

The Holy Spirit does not live in our head. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit dwells in our spirit. We will always have problems! But it's so wonderful when we believe and know that

God's Spirit is with us. When the Holy Spirit is with us, we can "fight the good fight of faith" with peace. When nothing seems to go the way we think they should go, God's Spirit will give us strength. When we wake in the night, in the midst of anxiety and uneasiness, God's peace will give us peace