

Within

Relationship - Part 4

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Week 1 - God is not interested in our empty and obligatory religiosity. He has though invited us into a personal, intimate, and loving relationship with Him.

Week 2 - The path of religion leads to either despair or arrogance. The path of the Gospel leads to humble gratitude and joy.

Week 3 - Jesus invites you to simply walk with Him. It's personal. It's relational. It's intentional. It's intimate.

*"⁵But now I am going away to the one who sent Me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. ⁶Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you. ⁷But in fact, it is **best for you** that I go away, because if I don't, the **Advocate** won't come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you."* John 16:5-7 (NLT)

**What could be better than God WITH us?
It's God WITHIN us.**

*"Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, **who lives in you** and was given to you by God? ... "* 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NLT)

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Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the **Advocate.**

Advocate = Paraklēsis = Helper, Comforter, Encourager, Friend, Counselor

*"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will **guide you into all truth**. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future."* John 16:13 (NLT)

God invites you to be filled with His Holy Spirit.

*"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, **be filled with the Holy Spirit ... "*** Ephesians 5:18 (NLT)

"²²But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!" Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

*"Then [Jesus] **breathed** on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" John 20:22 (NLT)*

*"²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit **in you**. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit **in you** so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations."* Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NLT)

Would you turn from your sin, believe in Jesus, and receive God's Holy Spirit?

Would you let God's Spirit fill you and lead you in every area of your life?