

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 4 – “Another Helper”

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Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-7

The thought of Jesus leaving His disciples filled them with fear and _____. Once before, they thought they had lost their Master and _____ such thought made them sore _____. To _____ their troubled hearts, Jesus promised them that He would send _____ Helper, One who would guide them, teach them, and empower them to be His witnesses. Of _____ the _____ of the New Testament, none spoke or wrote more about the Holy Spirit than the _____ Paul, who knew firsthand the importance of having this Divine _____ leading and directing one’s life and ministry. As Seventh-day _____ Christians, _____ the return of our Lord, we too must be grounded in a *basic* understanding of the Spirit’s person and purpose, as He is the one who makes us ready for that great _____. Let us now humbly _____ this subject with prayer.

A Closer Look at the Spirit

1. What question does Paul _____ to the believers in Acts 19, and why? *v 1-6*
2. Why does Jesus use the word _____ when referring to the Spirit? *John 14:15-18*
3. Why was it _____ for the Spirit to take Christ’s place? *John 16:7*
4. What do we learn about the Spirit’s nature in the _____ of *Acts 5:1-10*?
5. What relational fact about God was _____ to the Israelites? *Dr. 6:4*
6. What counsel regarding the Spirit did Paul want us to be _____ of? *Eph. 4:30*

There are today many as ignorant of the Holy Spirit’s work upon the heart as were those believers in Ephesus; yet no truth is more clearly taught in the word of God. Prophets and apostles have dwelt upon this theme. Christ Himself calls our attention to the growth of the vegetable world as an illustration of the agency of His Spirit in sustaining spiritual life. The sap of the vine, ascending from the root, is diffused to the branches, sustaining growth and producing blossoms and fruit. So the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Saviour, pervades the soul, renews the motives and affections, and brings even the thoughts into obedience to the will of God, enabling the receiver to bear the precious fruit of holy deeds.

– Acts of the Apostles, p. 284

Let us accept the Person of the Holy Spirit in our Hearts for we are His!