

John 14:16-17, 26 (CEB)

¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and he will send another **Companion**, who will be with you forever. ¹⁷ This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

²⁶ The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will **teach you** everything and will **remind you** of everything I told you.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

• He is God.

Then Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to deceive the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, was it not your own? And when it was sold, was it not under your authority? Why have you conceived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to men, **but to God**." Acts 5:3–4 (MEV)

- He has his own mind and he prays for us.
 All of our thoughts are known to God. He can understand what is in the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit prays for God's people.
 Romans 8:27 (CEV)
- He is all-powerful, present everywhere and all-knowing.
 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as his counselor has instructed him? Isaiah 40:13 (RSV)

What does the Holy Spirit do?

- He ______ those who follow Jesus.
- He ______ us of the truth.
- He ______ us in our work as Christians.

Life with Divine Power

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:3-8 (NIV)

Faith: I believe in this new righteousness and have the power to accomplish it.

Virtue: Moral excellence. Not "I am good enough."

Knowledge: Understand and <u>internalize</u> the <u>truth</u> about God.

Self-Control: Master our sensual desires.

Steadfastness/Endurance: Sometimes God is more interested in changing <u>you</u> than in changing your <u>circumstances</u>.

Godliness: <u>Respect</u> for God

Affection: Tenderness for our family

Love: Show love not <u>based on</u> who people are, but <u>in spite of</u> who they are.

So What?

The greatest thing I can do as a

is to pursue a Godly character.