



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 15:26-16:15
From Sermon 2.2. 25

Read *John 15:26-16:15*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: The task and commission Jesus has laid out for the Apostles is daunting. Even impossible in human strength. But along with the promise of persecution, Jesus also promises His Church strength and power. In the upper room (and for 3 ½ years), Jesus has been their power and guide. Now, He promises the coming of the Advocate (Helper), to fully empower the Apostles and the Church.

1. From previous studies in John, what ministries has Jesus already stated the Holy Spirit will accomplish?

- Transformation
- Peace
- Eternal Security
- Companionship—*John 14:18*
- Spiritual Gifts

2. What was the key word from this text and Sunday's sermon regarding the Holy Spirit? Granting Power.

3. Discuss the Spirit's power for believers in the face of persecution. _____
See also *Acts 7:55 & Philippians 1:19-21*.

4. Issue: The Holy Spirit's Job vs Our Job. Question: How has the church tried to commandeer that which only the Holy Spirit can do? In trying to grow a crowd, they seek ways to make the Gospel more palatable = Watered down doctrine. Avoid controversial subjects. Preach only practical, feel-good messages. Use marketing to convict and transform unbelievers into believers.

4a. How can/does that play out in terms of our preaching, music, & evangelism? To constantly remember that it's not our words they hear. When doing any of those ministries in Spirit and in Truth, it's divine. We just faithfully prepare, preach truth, do ministry, and go. The Holy Spirit does the work of convincing.

5. From Sunday: What are some of the factors in Holy Spirit preaching power?

- Inerrant Scripture
- Fully Inspired—God's words, not man's—*2 Peter 1:21*
- The boldness to proclaim it, despite its reception in the world.

6. In verse 13, Jesus said of the Holy Spirit "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth". Now read *John 14:26*. How is this promise particularly practical to Apostles in the room? In the remembrance of all things & the revealing of new things (revelation). Beside sharing through witness and testimony, many in the room that night will be writing the New Testament. John, Peter, Matthew, Mark (thru Peter), Paul, Luke (thru Paul). Later, the power to others not in upper room: James, Jude, writer of Hebrews*.

7. How would you describe your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Do you praise Him? Pray to Him?
Various Personal Answers.

8. Why is Holy Spirit purity power so important in our walk and testimony? See *Titus 2:7-8*. Because, to the best of our ability, and in constant maturing, we must live lives that match our preaching. We cannot effectively preach a Holy God while living and looking like the world. If the world is going to criticize us, let it be for the Gospel, not our conduct.