

Okay, that last question is sort of a trick question. The correct answer is C, but D is also correct—that's what this chapter is all about.

The God and Christ stuff makes sense now. But where does the Holy Spirit come in?

Glad you asked! Let's eavesdrop on a conversation Jesus had with His disciples before He ascended back to heaven, okay?

Are you sure it's okay to eavesdrop?

Sure! In fact, Jesus WANTS you to eavesdrop on ALL of His conversations. That's why He included them in the Bible.

Oh. I get it.

The Characters: *Jesus and 11 disciples. (Judas had already left the room to find the authorities.)*

The Scene: *The Last Supper. They have just finished communion. They broke the bread, which Christ said symbolized His body, and they drank the juice, which Christ announced was the symbol of His blood.*

The Plot: *Jesus is explaining to the remaining disciples what will happen next. They are confused, shocked, and full of questions.*

The Conversation: *Jesus is speaking: "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth" (John 14:15-17 NIV).*

Since Jesus was getting ready to physically leave the earth, He wanted His disciples to know that He wouldn't leave them hanging. He would leave them with His very Spirit. And that's what we call the Holy Spirit.

As Jesus said, the Holy Spirit acts as a counselor—He helps us know what to do. He's also the embodiment of Truth. Have you ever felt "checked" about something?

Yeah. Like when I started to sneak outta the house one night to go my friend's house, but I don't know...I couldn't do it. Something felt weird. I knew it was wrong.

That was the Holy Spirit. Once a person has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit is allowed to work through a person's conscience, heart, and mind.

Wow. The Holy Spirit was talking to me when I was trying to sneak out?

Yes. He acts as absolute Truth in our lives. He "checks" us about the wrong things and guides us in the right direction.

Sort of like a built-in compass?

Yes. But you have a responsibility, too.

What's that?

That's the next step in our journey.



Access the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is Truth, but He's also POWER! Remember the mighty miracles Christ did while He was on earth?

Yeah. He made blind men see and He healed deaf people. And He even raised Lazarus from the dead!

Yes, and that's a lot of power! When Jesus left the earth physically to return to heaven, He said He'd send His Spirit to guide us, help us, comfort us, and empower us. So without the Holy Spirit reigning in our lives, we're running on empty.

I don't get it.

The Holy Spirit is our power source. He's plugged into God who is all-powerful and all-knowing. When we're plugged into the Holy Spirit, we're also plugged into God and all His mighty power.

Whoa!

Double whoa! Triple whoa! Think of the Holy Spirit as sort of an electrical socket.