

Day 6 – The Spirit Empowers the Believer & the Church

It is the Holy Spirit who enlightens and empowers the believer and the Church. The Spirit is often called Helper, and that is exactly what we need – a helper who empowers us to worship, evangelize, and serve the Church as we ought.

Read *John 16:7*.

- Who is speaking in this verse?

(Jesus)

- Who is he speaking to?

(the Apostles)

- What truth does he tell them?

(it is actually better that he leaves, because then he will send them a Helper – the Holy Spirit)

Read *Acts 1:8-11*.

- According to verse 8, when will Jesus' followers receive power?

(when the Holy Spirit comes; the Spirit will empower them)

- What are they receiving power for?

(to be witnesses for Christ until he returns; that is, for evangelism)

Read *Philippians 3:3*.

- How do true believers worship?

(by the Spirit of God, exalting Christ just as the Spirit does, and not putting confidence in ourselves)

In *Let the Nations Be Glad*, John Piper says, "Missions exists because worship doesn't." Perhaps this will help us tie these things together. The Church has a mission, to make disciples. The Spirit gives the Church's members various gifts to serve the Church and its mission (1 Cor 12). The Spirit also convicts people of sin (Jn 16:8), points them to the Savior (Jn 15:26), and empowers us for evangelism (Acts 1:8). Missions and evangelism exists to make more worshippers who will bring God worship, praise, and glory by the Spirit (Phil 3:3). It's all tied together, and the work of the Spirit is vital and inextricable in each part – service, evangelism, and worship.

Close in prayer, thanking God for sending us a Helper as we seek to make more worshippers who will serve the Church and its mission to make even more worshippers – that we might bring God glory and enjoy him forever!