

# John 16

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## THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth (**John 16:13**)

It's not hard to know the truth if you are the truth, and speaking with authority would come quite naturally if you're God! Discernment is also easier if you know, as Jesus does, what's in the hearts of men (**John 2:24,25**).

Though we don't possess those attributes, we do have the Holy Spirit. If we are going to continue the work of Jesus, we must yield to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to control and guide us. Then we can know the truth, speak with authority, and discern good and evil.

We have as our guide the Spirit of truth. When Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, He said, "when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will disclose to you what is to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you" (**John 16:13, 14**). This promise has primary reference to the apostles, but its application extends to all Spirit-filled believers (**1 John 2:20-27**). The Holy Spirit is first and foremost the Spirit of truth, and He will lead us into all truth.

When Jesus prayed, He requested, "I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. Sanctify them in the truth. Thy word is truth" (**John 17:15,17**). Truth is what keeps us from the evil one. John wrote, "The whole world lies in the power of the evil one" (**1 John 5:19**), because Satan "deceives the whole world" (**Revelation 12:9**). The only way to overcome the father of lies is by revelation, not research or reasoning. Many in higher education lean on their own understanding and believe only in what can be validated by research. Truth is God's will made known through His Word. The Holy Spirit's role is to enable us to understand the Word of God from God's perspective. Jesus says, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (**John 8:32**). (**Neil Anderson**)

Father, forgive me for leaning on my own understanding. Fill me with Your Spirit and lead me into all truth Today.