

6 Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. **7** Now that you have known me," he said to them, "you will know my Father also, and from now on you do know him and you have seen him."

8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need."

9 Jesus answered, "For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why, then, do you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** Do you not believe, Philip, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I have spoken to you," Jesus said to his disciples, "do not come from me. The Father, who remains in me, does his own work. **11** Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If not, believe because of the things I do. **12** I am telling you the truth: those who believe in me will do what I do—yes, they will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father. **13** And I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father's glory will be shown through the Son. **14** If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

15 "If you love me, you will obey my commandments. **16** I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever. **17** He is the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God. The world cannot receive him, because it cannot see him or know him. But you know him, because he remains with you and is in you.

18 "When I go, you will not be left all alone; I will come back to you. **19** In

a little while the world will see me no more, but you will see me; and because I live, you also will live. **20** When that day comes, you will know that I am in my Father and that you are in me, just as I am in you.

21 "Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. My Father will love those who love me; I too will love them and reveal myself to them."

22 Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "Lord, how can it be that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and my Father and I will come to them and live with them. **24** Those who do not love me do not obey my teaching. And the teaching you have heard is not mine, but comes from the Father, who sent me.

25 "I have told you this while I am still with you. **26** The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.

27 "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid. **28** You heard me say to you, 'I am leaving, but I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father; for he is greater than I. **29** I have told you this now before it all happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe. **30** I cannot talk with you much longer, because the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, **31** but the world must know that I love the



Father; that is why I do everything as he commands me.

“Come, let us go from this place.”

Jesus the Real Vine

15 ¹ “I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. ³ You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. ⁴ Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. ⁶ Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. ⁸ My Father’s glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples. ⁹ I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

¹¹ “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. ¹³ The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. ¹⁴ And you are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do

not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. ¹⁷ This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

The World’s Hatred

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, just remember that it has hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, then the world would love you as its own. But I chose you from this world, and you do not belong to it; that is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember what I told you: ‘Slaves are not greater than their master.’ If people persecuted me, they will persecute you too; if they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours too. ²¹ But they will do all this to you because you are mine; for they do not know the one who sent me. ²² They would not have been guilty of sin if I had not come and spoken to them; as it is, they no longer have any excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ They would not have been guilty of sin if I had not done among them the things that no one else ever did; as it is, they have seen what I did, and they hate both me and my Father. ²⁵ This, however, was bound to happen so that what is written in their Law may come true: ‘They hated me for no reason at all.’

²⁶ “The Helper will come—the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God and who comes from the Father. I will send him to you from the Father, and





Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit to Help Us



John 14:16–17, 26–27 (For the full story, read John 14:15–31.)

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Holy Spirit the Third Person of the Holy Trinity



Understand It!

Before Jesus returned to Heaven, he promised his followers a great gift. He said that he would ask his Father to send us the Holy Spirit. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one God. They are the three Persons of the Holy Trinity.

We received the Holy Spirit's power at Baptism. The Holy Spirit also comes to us in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation. We cannot see the Holy Spirit, but he works within us. Jesus said he is our Helper. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand what Jesus taught. Did you ever get an idea to do something good? That's the Holy Spirit at work. Did you ever suddenly realize something about God? Or do a good deed that you thought you couldn't do? That too is the Holy Spirit at work in you. Ask the Holy Spirit to help and guide you each day.

STORY
John 14

Live It!

The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Bible, God's Word. Here is a prayer to the Holy Spirit that you can pray before reading the Bible. You might want to write the prayer out on a small slip of paper and use it for a Bible bookmark.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.

Tell It!



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Using the pictures above, retell the reading in your own words.

