

HELLO, MY NAME IS THE HOLY SPIRIT.
The One Who Brings Comfort To Your Soul.
Selected Old & New Testament Scriptures

We are in our 8th Week of our Sermon Series, “*Hello, My Name Is The Holy Spirit.*”

- Who
- What
- **Benefits**
 - Guides
 - Empowers
 - Sanctifies
 - Bears witness

Our key word, or benefit, for today in our time together in the Word is “comfort”

- To relieve distress or to console – James Strong – *Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.*

I want to take you to a time when Jesus gave His disciples a Biblical antacid. Join me this morning in **John 14:16-17**

- First, let’s talk location, where are Jesus and His disciples when this takes place, The Upper Room.
 - Jesus ate with the disciples a meal.
 - Instituted the New Covenant in His blood
 - Gave them last-minute instructions and encouragement.
 - Prayed His “high priestly prayer” over them.
 - Then He went out to face the sorrow, betrayal, rejection, and death for which He had come into the world

In the midst of all this Jesus also promises His disciples something, another Helper from the Father, who will be with them forever.

- Helper – Advocate – Comforter - Intercessor
 - Another – another of the same kind.

The world cannot receive Him (the Holy Spirit):

- They do not see Him.
- They do not know Him.

But you know Him (the Holy Spirit):

- He abides (takes up residence) with and in you.

We see this lived out in Scripture in **Acts 9:31**

- The Church
 - Enjoyed peace

- Was being built up
- Going on in the fear of the Lord.
- The comfort of the Holy Spirit.
- Continued to increase.

Now if anyone needed some comfort in their lives it may have been David.

- Anointed as King over Israel as a young man.
 - Had to wait for the current King Saul to be taken out of the picture.

Join in the Book of Psalms

- **Psalm 23:4**
 - What does David say that God will use to comfort him, His rod and His staff.
 - The rod was used to ward off the enemy.
 - The staff was used to guide (**in the evening the shepherd would count his sheep by having them enter the sheepfold under his staff.**)
 - Sheep notoriously have poor eyesight and are often frightened at night; the presence of the shepherd gives them comfort. (**Immanuel – God with us**).
 - *One way to get comfort is to plead the promise of God in prayer, show Him His handwriting; God is tender of His Word.* Thomas Manton (English Puritan).
 - **John 14:27 – 28**
- **Mark 10:46 - 52**
 - Again, let's talk location, Jesus and His disciples are traveling from Jericho to Jerusalem for Passover (so the crowd following Jesus would be very large).
 - They pass a blind beggar, by the name of Bartimaeus, and he begins to cry out to Jesus to have mercy on him.
 - Many were sternly telling Bartimaeus to be quiet.
 - But Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus and what He has done for others, so he keeps crying out.
 - Jesus stops and tells Bartimaeus to come to Him.
 - ***“So, they called the blind man saying to him, “take courage (comfort), stand up, He is calling for you.”***
 - ***“Go your faith has made you well.”***
 - There is a tie between faith and comfort, where I can truly say that I believe with all my heart that I know that Jesus may not

take me out of the situation I am in, but He will comfort me through it.

- But how does that occur?
 - We often get the formula wrong, we want the peace of God without the peace with God that must come first.
 - **Romans 5:1**
 - **Philippians 4:4-7**