



I. INTRO

- A. It's hard to escape the influence of Halloween in our culture today
- B. The Bible tells us some ghost stories too; many are found in the book of Acts
 - Most of us know something about God, and we know a little more about Jesus
 - But the Holy Spirit is a mysterious part of our faith
 - Bible refers to the Holy Spirit as water, wind, rain
 - He descends like a dove, He baptizes with fire
 - He comforts, and corrects; He is the Spirit of life, and the Spirit of truth, the voice of God.
 - He's our teacher and our guide

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT MYSTERIOUS, MIGHTY AND OUR HELPER

- A. The Holy Spirit can be quite controversial too
 - Two ditches in the church world
 - There is an over-emphasis – the “Spooky” Natural
 - It's far more common that there's an under-emphasis.
- B. Let's look at the Bible

John 14:16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

- Another – Another of the same kind
- Helper – “one called to stand next to you as a helper”
- The Holy Spirit is a redeemer who ends the curse

John 14:26 (NKJV) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

- C. Which is better?

John 16:7 (NKJV) Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

- D. What's the difference between believers and unbelievers

III. THE LIVING REALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. **Two reasons why we don't live with the reality of the Holy Spirit**
 - Some people aren't aware of the Holy Spirit



Acts 19:1-2 (NLT) While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. ²“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them. “No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

- Some are resistant to the Holy Spirit

Acts 7:51 (NLT) “You stubborn people! You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth. Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit? That’s what your ancestors did, and so do you!

- You grieve the Holy Spirit by what you do, you quench Him by what you don’t do

Ephesians 4:30a (NIV) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God ...

1 Thessalonians 5:19 (NIV) Do not quench the Spirit.

B. The internal working of the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is our Helper (John 14:16-17)
- The Holy Spirit our counselor and guide (John 16:13-14)

Isaiah 30:21 (NLT) Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, “This is the way you should go,” whether to the right or to the left.

- The Holy Spirit will convict you (John 16:8)

John 16:8-11 (TPT) ⁸ And when he comes, he will expose sin and prove that the world is wrong about God’s righteousness and his judgments. ⁹ “‘Sin,’ because they refuse to believe in who I am. ¹⁰ “God’s ‘righteousness,’ because I’m going back to join the Father and you’ll see me no longer. ¹¹ “And ‘judgment’ because the ruler of this dark world has already received his sentence.