

## GHOST – 1 THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY

*2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. **Genesis 1:2***

***ruwach*** (roo'-akh); wind; breath, a violent exhalation; blast of breath.

***pneuma*** (pnyoo'-mah); a current of air, blast of breath, a strong breeze; or spirit.

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. **John 14:16-17***

**Counselor**: *parakletos* (par-ak'-lay-tos); an intercessor, consoler, advocate, comforter, helper.

*But it is actually best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Counselor won't come. If I do go away, he will come because I will send him to you. **John 16:7 NLT***

### WHY ARE MANY LIVING A SPIRIT-LESS LIFE?

#### • **SOME AREN'T AWARE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

*While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." **Acts 19:1-3***

#### • **SOME RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

*"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!" **Acts 7:51***

### THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL

#### • **COMFORT YOU.**

*16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever... **John 14:16 KJV***

#### • **COUNSEL YOU.**

*13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. **John 16:13***

*“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’” Isaiah 30:21*

• **CONVICT YOU.**

*8 When (the Spirit) comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: John 16:8*

**Discussion Questions**

1. What was your understanding about the Holy Spirit before this week’s message?
2. When you think back, can you see a time when the Holy Spirit was leading you? Did He comfort, counsel, or convict you?
3. Describe the need you feel for His presence in your life. What steps are you willing to take to live a Spirit-filled life?