

The Lord Jesus Always Wants to Be with Us

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Last week one of the things I preached about was how we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? **17** If anyone [b]defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. **19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body [g]and in your spirit, which are God's.

Understanding that the Holy Spirit is God, just like the Lord Jesus and the Father, helps us understand how very much the Lord Jesus wants to be with us.

1 John 5:6-13

6 This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. **7** For there are three that bear witness [b]in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. **8** And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of [c]God which He has testified of His Son. **10** He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. **11** And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. **12** He who has the Son has [d]life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. **13** These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, [e]and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

In this passage, we see that the three persons of the Holy Trinity are not the same person.

The Father, for example, gives witness about the Son, Jesus Christ.

At the same time, we see that there are three divine persons, but these three persons are unified, not agreeing as one but actually being one, which affirms the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Matthew 3:16-17

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and [b]He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. **17** And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

In this passage, we see that the three persons of the Godhead or the three divine persons are in fact separate...

Romans 8:5-11

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **6** For to be [b]carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. **7** Because the [c]carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. **8** So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. **10** And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. **11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies [d]through His Spirit who dwells in you.

In this passage, we see that the Holy Spirit, as the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, is not only a distinctive person, namely the Holy Spirit.

He is also completely linked or attached to the Father and to the Son Jesus Christ, and as such, the Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ...

John 16:7, 13-15

7 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. **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He [c]will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

Like I said last week, the Lord Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to us because He wants to be close to us...

Hebrews 12:1-2

12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and [b]finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Lord Jesús and the Father want to be close to us...

So they maintain that closeness by sending the Holy Spirit to live inside of us...

With the Holy Spirit inside of us, the Lord Jesus and the Father can be connected to us even while the Father sits on His throne in heaven and the Lord Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father...

***We are the ones who get tired of the Lord Jesus; He is not the one who gets tired of us, at least not for a long time...

He will only eventually get tired of those people who insist on rebelling against Him...

Revelation 19:11-13,16,19-21

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. **12** His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He [e]had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **13** He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies in heaven, clothed in [f]fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white

horses. **15** Now out of His mouth goes a [g]sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **16** And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND^[SEP]LORD OF LORDS.

The Beast and His Armies Defeated

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the [h]supper of the great God, **18** that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, [i]free and slave, both small and great.”

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. **20** Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. **21** And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Through His Spirit, the Lord Jesus wants to be in constant contact with us...

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Joshua 1:8

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you[c] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

***Find your rest in the Lord...

According to <https://guides.library.duke.edu/c.php?g=480747&p=3321107>, television existed in its current form starting in about 1950...

According to <https://eh.net/encyclopedia/the-history-of-the-radio-industry-in-the-united-states-to-1940/>, radios became popular in the 1920's.

Before that, people had to find other forms of entertainment...

History of literacy: <https://academicpartnerships.uta.edu/articles/education/brief-history-of-literacy.aspx>

The best form of entertainment is to be in the Presence of God...

Psalm 22:1-3

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from helping Me,

And from the words of My groaning?

2

O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;

And in the night season, and am not silent.

3

But You *are* holy,

Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

We see here that we should praise the Lord Jesus all the time, even when we are going through trials...

Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;

At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

I don't say that you can't relax by watching TV or doing other things, but the only way to get true rest is to be in the Presence of the Lord Jesus, and it pleases Him when we are continually in His Presence...

As long as you are obedient to Him, it doesn't matter whether you do great things for Him...

Ministry is important, but what is most important to the Lord Jesus is our relationship with Him...

Genesis 5:21-24

21 Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. **22** After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. **23** So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. **24** And Enoch walked with God; and he *was* not, for God took him.

Enoch pleased God, for example, just by walking with Him..

Ephesians 2:4-9

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **6** and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, **7** that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast. **10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Good works flow from our salvation; we are not saved by ministering to others...