



The Ghost

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Week 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

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

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

John 20:22 (NIV) [Jesus] breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16-17 (NIV) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor (or comforter) to be with you forever- ¹⁷the 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.

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

God wants you to live a Spirit-Filled Life!

John 16:7 (NIV) But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

A Spirit-Filled Life means He will . . .

- _____ You / Spirit _____ Life (John 16:6-15)
- _____ You / Spirit _____ Life (Acts 1:8; Romans 15:13)
- _____ You / Spirit _____ Life (Acts 2; Acts 4:13, 31-32)

Read John 17:20-23

Oneness: the quality of being one; unity of thought, feeling, belief, aim; agreement; concord; a strong feeling of closeness or affinity.

Jesus' final prayer for all of his disciples was that we would be "one". But for what purpose? So that there is no disagreement? So that leaders can control their followers? No!

Read again the words of Jesus. Our "oneness" is a witness to this world of God's amazing love and power to change the human heart. Jesus' gave his life that we might be One with him and God, so that this world may "know" – see God's love.

Over the next four months as we prepare ourselves as a church family for the Impact God will have through us, our prayer is that God will truly make us One. Only then, will the work that we are to accomplish – God's Mission for the church – come to be.

So below are some areas we are asking you to pray for this coming week. As you seek God, let your love and passion for Him grow. Ultimately, God's love will overflow in our hearts and Oneness will be a natural byproduct.

Prayer Emphasis:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will unite us as a church family in love & harmony
- Pray that God will reveal in your heart anything that may cause you to be angry or bitter towards a fellow believer. (Matt 5:23; 18:15)
- Pray that Jesus will begin to prepare you for the season in your spiritual journey and the next great work he has prepared for you.
- Pray for Ryan & Andrea Kramer this week. As leaders and pastors at PCC, ask God to increase their skills and wisdom to lead.
- Pray for a spirit of generosity at PCC. As God prepares to lead us through this next season, ask God to bless His church with the needed resources to make this journey.

A Prayer of Oneness:

Jesus, my prayer is that your church may be ONE, just as you and the Father are one.

- *Let our unity show the world your love.*
- *Let our unity attract others to this family.*
- *Let our unity bring glory to you.*