

## Interdenominational Sunday School lesson

### God's Indwelling Spirit

John 14:25-28

Romans 8:9-12; 26-28

The scripture text given for today's lesson opens with two verses of

John's Gospel. John 14:26 states, "But the Comforter, Which is the Holy Ghost, Who the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The scene, when Jesus uttered these words, was during the closing hours of Jesus' public ministry, just before He gave Himself up to be crucified.

These last words of teaching directed to His apostles were

quicken perhaps to go back to Him for more clarification, and there were no stenographers, or tape recorders present to record His final teaching.

So how could they remember all that Jesus had said and taught these past three years that He had been with them. Verse 26 stated above was the key.

The Holy Spirit, Whom the Father would send, would call all these things to their remembrance, and He would be their comforter, or more appropriately stated, strengthener. The Holy Spirit is a Person.

The third part of the Trinity — God, the Father; God, the Son; and God, the Holy Spirit. But how can we explain that, three persons in one? It's much easier for us to understand the Father and Son part, but let's face it, we don't know very much about God's indwelling Spirit.

This, however, we do know. God's spirit directed the writing of the Bible. When we follow the teachings of the scripture, God's spirit is leading us. The text for today's lesson does not attempt a study of the Holy Spirit for that would be a long study in itself.

It is rather centering our thought

and study on what is done by the Spirit as He lives in us. For this we turn to the Book of Romans.

**Life in the Spirit  
Romans 8:9-17**

The Apostle Paul was not one to mince words nor use platitudes in his teaching. He went squarely to the heart of the truth and few people knew it or taught it as he did. The ninth verse is a good example of this.

He speaks of two things which constrain and control us. The flesh, a word he used to mean that part of human nature that tends to rebel against God, and the Spirit of God, which leads us to a righteous life.

These are warring factions which he speaks about in the book of Galatians. The flesh lusteth after the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh. What Paul is saying, in essence, is that one is really not a Christian if his way of living shows that he is in the flesh and not in the Spirit.

The Spirit leads people, but He does not drive nor compel one. God has marvelously created us with the will of choice, and each must be responsible for his own choices in life. Paul, has given us several thoughts in these verses.

We can mention only two or three.

First, if you are a Christian, you have put to death the sinner you used to be. Second, even if you are a Christian, your physical body will die because sin has brought death into the world. Your Spirit however, will live eternally.

Third, we owe God a great debt and our lives should be lived in the Spirit of God. We will then become God's children through the Spirit of adoption, heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ. Heirs to the heavenly kingdom of God.

## Church news

### First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church School begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship begins at 11:00 a.m. Rev. J.H. London will be preaching on the subject, "Such As I Have" and the Senior Choir will be singing under the direction of Sis. Mary L. James, Organist. The public is invited to come worship with us. Holy Communion will be served.

The Church of First Baptist Church will share in the celebration church 62nd and Pastor Dr. H. L. Mitchell's 42nd anniversary at the Union Branch Baptist Church, Drum Hill Community, Gates County at 7:30 p.m.

The bus will leave at 6:45 p.m. from First Baptist Church.

Poole's Grove

Missionary Baptist Church

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Church Sunday School begins at 9:45 with Superintendent Travis Burke in charge. Morning worship begins at 11:00 a.m. with pastor Joseph L. Wills delivering the message. Music will be provided by the Senior Choir, under the direction of Milo Burke.

The Rev. Joseph L. Wills Traveling Echoes will celebrate their anniversary Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. A. C. Robinson and daughters of Elizabeth City, and The Elizabeth City State University Gospel Choir will be special guests. Poole's Grove Young Adult Choir and the 21st Century Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Carolyn Griffin, will be telling the good news through song. Come and join us.

Riddick Grove

Missionary Baptist Church

Women's Day will be observed at

Riddick Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Belvidere on Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Rose Madrey will be speaker.

### The Lighthouse

For the first time at The Lighthouse, 505 E. Church St., Elizabeth City, it's Covenant Ministries from Raleigh, Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Now is a good time to come out.

Saturday is Soul-A-Thon night. Come see The Londonaires at 7:30 p.m.

### Piney Woods Friends Meeting

Revival services will be held at Piney Woods Friends Meeting, Belvidere, Thursday, Nov. 10 through Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Guest evangelist will be Walter O'Neal, pastor of Winthrop Friends Meeting in Harmony, N.C.

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"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God who worketh all in all." (1 Cor. 12:4-6)

Answer last week — Mark 6:3.

What Old Testament man was cured of leprosy? We are studying the gospel of Mark on Wednesday nights and would be glad to have you join us, or come to Sunday School and Church with us on Sunday morning.

George Wilmore, Pastor  
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