

## Introduction

- 1 Most Sydney gymnasiums offer customers for a fee, a personal trainer to guide their training.
- 2 Personal trainers provide all help that is necessary, but the trainee has to do their own exercises
- 3 That is an example of the role played by the Holy Spirit in the life of every born again Christian
- 4 The Holy Spirit helps believers in many ways by teaching, reminding them but they must obey
- 5 14:16 Father/Son would send **another Counsellor just like Jesus** to be with them **forever**
- 6 There are many verses in the 2 passages read for us today, but will focus on 3 main sections

## I Trinity God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit are identical in nature, character –different roles

A We worship one living, true God, united in this Godhead-3 Persons Father, Son, Holy Spirit

- 1 This is a mystery, but they all have the same nature of love, holiness, just, eternal, grace ...
- 2 The Godhead planned the creation of the world and all knew what would happen with sin
- 3 God’s purposes are being fulfilled in accordance with that plan and will continue to end

B As we look at the Bible can see how each member of the Trinity had a special role to play

- 1 In OT God the Father prepared Israel for the coming of his Son, the promised Messiah
  - a God knew in advance man would rebel against Him -started to fulfil his plan thru’ Israel
  - b Thru’out the OT there are many references to the coming of God the Son at perfect time
- 2 The 4 gospels focused on the Lord Jesus, but prepared disciples for coming of Holy Spirit
  - a Main focus of 4 gospels- on birth, life, death, resurrection & ascension of Jesus, the Son
  - b God the Son spent his 3 years of ministry training group of disciples to build His church
  - c Thru’out gospels find many teachings re the coming of Holy Spirit to help His disciples
  - d 16:7 Best for Jesus to leave, be replaced by Holy Spirit- can only be in 1 place at 1 time
- 3 Acts - Rev show how God, Holy Spirit helps Christians build church with focus on Jesus

## II John 15:26-16:15 Jesus’ Main teaching about the Counsellor, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth

A 16:8-11 Holy Spirit will **convict world of guilt** in regard to sin, judgement & righteousness

1 **16:8-9 Convict people in the world of their guilt in regard to sin**

- a Everyone is born into the world with a sinful self-centred nature under God’s judgement
- b Nothing anyone can do to pay the price for God’s judgement on man’s rebellious nature
- c Great gospel news is God loved man, so **sent His Son to pay price** for man’s rebellion
- d Jesus being fully God/man died as a perfect sacrifice on cross to pay price for man’s sin
- e To help us receive this great news God sent Holy Spirit to convict man of his guilt re sin
- f **16:9** Man’s biggest sin -reject God’s love by refusing to repent from sin, believe in Jesus

2 **16:8,10 Convict people in the world of their guilt in regard to righteousness**

- a No-one is born with a right relationship to God, living each day in full obedience to God
- b Impossible for anyone to obey exc. Son of God, who was born with God-centred nature
- c How can anyone know exactly how God wants people to live in ways pleasing to God?
- d That’s why God sent His Son to live on earth among men to show how to live for God
- e If person wanted to know what God was like, just had to look at Jesus & follow His eg
- f **16:10** Now He was returning to heaven, man needed Holy Spirit to show God’s right way

3 **16:8,11 Convict the people in the world of their guilt in regard to judgement**

- a Everyone in world is a sinner, is controlled by sinful nature, influence of world + Satan
- b When Lord Jesus died on cross He defeated power of death, sin, Satan thru’ resurrection
- c Satan, prince of this world, now stands condemned as Lord defeated his power over man
- d For those who repent, believe in Jesus must ask for Jesus’ help to resist temptations

4 Never forget God gave you the faith to believe as Holy Spirit convicted you of your guilt

5 Not one Chn can boast, feel superior to all non Chns, each has been saved by God’s grace

- B 15:26-27, 16:14 God Holy Spirit will testify about Jesus, bring Him glory, Chns must testify
- 1 15:26 Counsellor counsels-gives good advice, helps us understand what F, S want us to do
  - 2 One of His most important jobs is to testify about Jesus, not Himself to everyone in world
  - 3 There are many churches who wrongly focus on work of Holy Spirit as opposed to Jesus
  - 4 16:14 Clearly states the Holy Spirit will bring glory to Jesus as Head of the church
  - 5 15:27 Lord tells His followers they have big responsibility to tell others about who Jesus is
  - 6 Chns need to work out what to tell people if asked what is a Chn & why they're

Christians

- 7 Great Commission to share our faith is repeated in each of the 4 gospels, book of Acts-5X

C 16:12-15 Holy Spirit will guide them and us into all truth, bringing glory to God the Son

- 1 God's truth has come from the Father to the Son to the Holy Spirit, who gives it to Chns
- 2 16:12-14 At that time, the Lord had many things to teach them, but the Spirit of truth would
  - a Guide them into all of God's truth so that they could build His church after Pentecost
  - b He will tell them about future events - relating to His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming & future judgement
  - c He will bring glory to Jesus, who would build His church in spite of Satan's activities
- 3 God fulfilled these prophecies- today we can read, study God's plan in the 27 NT books
- 4 Holy Spirit guided OT, NT authors to write Bible, church basis Eph 2:19-22; 2 Pet 1:20-21
- 5 16:15 Holy Spirit guides each Christian to understand the full counsel of God to tell others
- 6 16:12-15 Jesus promises Holy Spirit will teach/guide us into all truth-as read, ask His help

### III Romans 8:5-11 Two Ways to Live – Depends on whether person has Holy Spirit or not

A 8:9 Anyone who **does not have** the Spirit of Christ within him, **does not belong to Christ**

- 1 Paul clearly states two things about every born-again Christian (Acts 2:37-38)
  - a Is controlled by the Holy Spirit and not the sinful nature
  - b If that Christian has the Holy Spirit living within them, makes them temples of God
- 2 Every person who does not have the Spirit of God in him/her does not belong to Christ
- 3 Unfortunately millions who attend Chn churches worldwide have not been born again
- 4 8:9 clearly states these people are controlled by sinful nature, still under God's judgement

B 8:5-8 Spiritual death will be the end for all who please self, are hostile or indifferent to God

- 1 8:5a Those who love to please themselves, focus their minds on self and ignore God
  - a 8:6a Their minds are spiritually dead-when they die will be separated from God forever
  - b 8:7 They're hostile towards God, often blame Him for all that goes wrong in their lives
  - c 8:7 Refuse to read/think about what God says in Bible, ignoring it as just another book
  - d 8:8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God no matter what they do
- 2 Sad thing is there are many in our Chn churches here in Sydney who treat God like this

C 8:5-6,10-14 Life, peace for all controlled by the Spirit with their minds set on obeying Him

- 1 8:5 When a person repents, believes his sins are forgiven because Jesus has paid the price he receives the Holy Spirit who helps believers' minds **to live in ways pleasing to God.**
- 2 8:6 Christian experiences new spiritual life and peace with God, which is hard to describe
- 3 8:10 Unfortunately Chns' sinful nature continues as they're tempted daily, fall into sin
- 4 8:11 But God has given Christians His Holy Spirit to help them confess sins, live for God
- 5 8:12-14 Chns must live in ways pleasing to God, not satisfying their fleshly desires
- 6 Chns must obey Bible –love enemies, tell truth, don't lose temper, be jealous, hate, lust, allow people or things become more important than God eg job, home, money, sport ...

D 8:15-17 Are you a real child of God, heir with Christ in his sufferings and heavenly riches

- 1 8:15 God wants you to know definitely that you are His son/daughter without any doubts
- 2 8:16-17 Holy Spirit testifies with our spirits that we are God's children, who are heirs of

God, co-heirs with Christ if we share in his sufferings, so can share his heavenly riches\_