

Are you a spiritual person? Series (1)

The Spiritual Realm, John 14:1-6; 15-17

What is the problem?

- **87%** (USA) believe in God or higher power (pew research)
- **63%** believe we have spirit and soul. Higher power, just not connected to us.

The problem is not in believing there is a God. The problem is Christians are unsure of the spirit realm and though we believe in the existence of the Holy Spirit, we live as practical atheists.

Prayer: God, I want to be a spirit-filled person. I want to see with spiritual eyes, listen to the spirit of truth, and respond by being guided in all things by the Holy Spirit.

Spiritually speaking, is there something or nothing?

- **Nothing.** Physical matter is all that exists. Everything is random chance. No order. No morality, no purpose. No truth. When you die, there is nothing.
- **Something.** There is a spiritual realm. All cultures in history have believed in the spiritual realm. Evil spirits, demons, darkness, energies, angels, spirits, and God.

Even though most people “believe” in God, they struggle to relate to the spiritual realm.

Spiritually speaking, are you engaged or unengaged?

*If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Helper**, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

John 14:15-17

God has given the Holy Spirit to be our HELPER. He dwells with us and in us, forever.

Do you know the Holy Spirit? Are you **spiritually engaged** with the Spirit that dwells with and in you? Are you dependent on the Holy Spirit? There lies the **problem**.

Without the Holy Spirit, our lives are like a sailboat without a sail drifting on the sea. We often try to paddle hard, but are missing out on the true source of power.

Would you agree that it is a problem? Is it problem enough to devote yourself to the pursuit of knowing and learning to walk in the Spirit? Lord, teach me to hoist my sail into your wind.

I know God, I know Jesus, but I want to truly know the Spirit. I want to be a spiritual person.

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Week 2: The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. Read Genesis 1 & John 1:1-14.