

# **The Indispensable Work of the Holy Spirit in Ministry**

Text: John 14:12-17

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## **INTRODUCTION (*John 14: 12-17*)**

### **I. THE PERSONS CALLED TO DO MINISTRY (*v.12*)**

"he that believeth on me." The word 'believeth' in this context carries a profound meaning. It signifies having faith in, upon, or for a person or thing and entrusting one's spiritual well-being to Christ.

### **II. THE PRIMARY REASON JESUS ASSIGNED THE WORK TO BELIEVERS (*v. 12*).**

1. Believers are the only ones who know Christ personally and who have the same passion for doing His work.
2. Believers are the only ones spiritually equipped to do the work.
3. Jesus was returning to the Father (*v. 12; Acts 1: 8-9*).

### **III. THE PROMISE TO THE ONE WHO BELIEVES (*v. 12*)**

1. The believer shall do the same and even greater works than Jesus did.
2. The believer shall have his prayers answered (*vv. 13-14; Psalm 29:2; Psalm 100:4.*)
3. The believer shall receive the Holy Spirit to empower him to do the work (*vs. 15-17*).
  - (1) The Holy Spirit is promised to those who believe in, love, and obey Christ (*v. 15*).
  - (2) The Father would give the Holy Spirit in answer to Jesus' prayer (*v. 16*).
  - (3) The Holy Spirit would be a Helper to the believer. The word "Comforter" in the Greek is 'parakletos. It means summoned to one's side, especially to one's side to aid. In the broadest sense, a helper, an assistant.
  - (4) The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth (*v. 17; John 16: 13*).
  - (5) The Holy Spirit is not known by the world but is known by believers.
  - (6) The Holy Spirit is now dwelling in every believer to empower him to do the work that Christ did (*Ref. Acts 2*).

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

1. There is no excuse for not doing Christ's work.
2. Are we doing Christ's work? If not, we must repent, confess, receive God's forgiveness, and then get busy.