MURE THAN ESSENCE. MURE THAN PUWER. MURE THAN FURF

John 14:9 (NASB95) 9 Jesus *said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, 'Show us the Father'?

- Walked with....Talked with....
- Touched Him.....Watched Him
- Witnessed Him.....
- They were with God!!!!!

Luke 24:49 (NASB95) 49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

- This is critical...
- Holy Spirit 3rd person of Trinity....
- The One who is working in the world today.....

The Holy Spirit is called the Paraklete: "One called alongside to help."

- He is our strength....
- He is our provider....
- He is our caregiver....
- He is our helper....
- He is or comforter....
- This is why we all need to know the person of the Holy Spirit!

John 14:16-17 (NASB95)

16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Mark 4:39 (NASB95) 39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

Matthew 14:16 (NASB95) 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them *something* to eat!"

It was great to have Jesus around, but....

Matthew 17:27 (NASB95) 27 "However, so that we do not offend them, go to the sea and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for you and Me."

John 14:1 (NASB95) 1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

John 14:16 (NASB95) 16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

God is in heaven.....
Jesus sits at His right hand......

John 14:18 King James Version (KJV) ¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

 The Greek word translated [comfortless] literally means orphan. Yes God is in heaven... 0 Jesus sits on His right side..... • But He left with us the Holy Spirit to 0 be our Comforter, the One who walks along side each of us.

John 14:16 (NASB95) 16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- We saw the Father thru the Son.
- We saw the son Jesus Christ.
- We have not seen the Spirit: yet He has been placed over the church to guide, direct, empower and to speak to us.

In Greek, the word another in the phrase "another Comforter" is *allos,* which means "of the same kind or equal quality."

A second Greek word, <u>heteros,</u> which is translated 'another" has a different meaning: of a different quality.

So when Jesus says the Holy Spirit is of the same quality as Himself, He means the Holy Spirit has the same divine qualities.

In essence He is saying, "I have been with you, but even though I am going away I will still be with you. ESSENTIAL TO OUR UNDERSTANDING First the Holy Spirit is a person.

Second if we see the Spirit as only as essence, a force, a power, we will never have a personal relationship with Him.

Third to be considered a person one must possess certain characteristics: intelligence, will, emotions.

INTELLIGENCE

1 Corinthians 2:10–11 (NASB95) 10 For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

WILL

1 Corinthians 12:11 (NASB95) 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

Acts 16:6 (NASB95) 6 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia;

EMOTIONS

Ephesians 4:30 (NASB95) 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Romans 15:30 (NASB95) 30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

When you walk with the Spirit, develop in your relationship with Him, and respond to His work in you, it is very likely that you will begin to have all kinds of glorious supernatural experiences: sometimes there will be no response, sometimes weeping, sometimes unexplainable joy and other times overwhelming love.

Luke 11:13 (NASB95) 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

> The invitation has been given the acceptance is all up to you!

