



**Come and Drink**  
**16<sup>th</sup> in the “Life in his Name” Series**  
**John 7:14-52, p. 893**  
**January 13, 2019**

**Introduction**

In this passage God explains how Jesus by the Spirit relates, directs, and ministers through the Christian.

**The Text: John 7:14-52**

- 1) Christians know and submit to the Word of God, letting it form their wills and ways (vv. 14-19).

*Proverbs 9:8-10: <sup>8</sup> Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. <sup>9</sup> Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. <sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

- 2) Christians trust the ways of God, making right judgments about the will of God (vv. 20-24).
- 3) Jesus, the gospel, and his church, are real and true, yet many disbelieve and live otherwise (vv. 25-36).
- 4) The fulfilling presence of God is made manifest by the gift of the Spirit of God (vv. 37-44).

*Definition: The Holy Spirit is the internal witness of God (PROOF), the personal indwelling of God (PRESENCE), and the ministerial agent for God who directs, convicts, instructs, and empowers God’s people (POWER).*

- 5) The Christian battles not with personalities and politics, but with the *power* of the Spirit and the *preaching* of the cross (vv. 45-52).

*1 Corinthians 1:18-24: <sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ... <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

**Response**

Do you see the beauty of the Gospel – the Father sends, the Son serves, the Spirit seals!

## Sunday Text Questions for John 7:14-52

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- 1) Starter Question: How would you explain the Holy Spirit to someone who is new to Christianity?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why does Jesus minimize himself and his authority and magnify his Father and the Father's authority (the one who sent him) in vv. 16-18, and what does that teach us about Christ?
- 4) What is Jesus getting at in v. 24, and how does that verse give direction to us about reading and interpreting what God is doing in our lives and in the world?
- 5) The crowd was surprised that the authorities did not arrest Jesus, and v. 30 explains they were prohibited from doing so (by God – "his hour had not yet come"). Does God still work with that kind of control today, and what does it look like?
- 6) The crowd is confused by Jesus' words in vv. 32-36. How would you explain what Jesus is saying?
- 7) What do vv. 37-39 teach us about the Holy Spirit, and why could the Spirit not be given until Jesus was "glorified" (i.e., the cross/resurrection/ascension)?
- 8) How is the Spirit an essential aspect of the Christian – from conversion to the Christian life (for assistance, read Romans 8)?
- 9) Remembering Jesus' challenge dialogue with Nicodemus in John 3, what might vv. 45-52 reveal about Nicodemus' changing response to Jesus?
- 10) What *truths to believe* or *actions to obey* does this passage of Scripture teach us?

**Further study this week:** Proverbs 9 on applying truth to life (Mon); 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 on the surprising power of the message of the cross (Tues); Romans 8 on life in the Spirit (Wed); John 16:5-15 on the role of the Spirit (Thurs); Ephesians 1:3-14 on the Spirit's work in salvation (Fri).