

6 – ADVANTAGE CHRISTIAN

NO ONE LIKES TO BE TREATED LIKE AN OBJECT – exploited, used, devalued, ignored, marginalized, project not a person – **EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS HS**

- Understand concept relationship with Father – the Son – basis for relationship
HS treated as an impersonal power source to plug into. A thing to access when needed.

MP: Treating the Holy Spirit like a person will revolutionize your experience of Him.

- Part of being made in God's image is the capacity for relationship
 - o Where does that come from? TRINITY... F/S/HS in relationship – UR IN

PENTECOST SUNDAY – PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – UR ADVANTAGE

- **FOOTBALL AND TENNIS SCORING**

John 16:7 I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

- **NO MATTER HOW DOWN/OUT U FEEL, DISADVANTAGE (NOT TRUE) - HS**

HE IS A PERSON TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH

The Bible always refers to the Holy Spirit as a person

- Always **He** and Never **it** – not a power source to plug into

Arius heresy that the Holy Spirit is not a person but an influence emanating from the Father. Condemned as a heretic.

Acts 13 Separate to me Saul and Barnabas for the work to which I have called them

- Father Refers to Him as a Person

Isaiah 59:21 “as for Me,” says the LORD, “this is My covenant with them; My Spirit **who** is upon you.”

Genesis “Let us make man in **our** image.”

- Son Refers to Him as a person - **John 16:5-15 HE HAS A WILL**

He will convict the world of sin, righteousness, judgment. - **He will** guide you into all truth. -

Whatever He hears **He will** speak. - **He will** tell you things to come. - **He will** glorify me. - **He will** take of what is Mine and declare to you. - **He Intercedes**

LEARN TO LIVE A LIFESTYLE OF DEPENDENCE

It's OK to be dependent – Needy – SO UNNATURAL FOR ME (nobility of indep.)

- Codependence is unhealthy – not with God (LEARNED DEPENDENCE)

HIS BEGINS AT SALVATION

Father lovingly sends – the Son comes – takes the work of the Holy Spirit to save

Q: Your relationship with God depends on the work of the Holy Spirit.

He draws you to Jesus **Rev. 22:16**, He convicted you of your sin **John 16:8** He places u into the church **1 Corinthians 12:13**, He Regenerates **Titus 3:4-7**, He Indwells u **1 Corinthians 3:16**, He Seals u ur Salvation **Ephesians 1:13-14**, He Sanctifies **2 Thessalonians 2:13**

- You don't even know it/can't explain it – **How good is GOD?**

Q: God is at work in your life through HIS SPIRIT WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW

2 Thess 2:13 Because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth

○ **Peace – GOD’S GOT YOU**

Jude 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Phil 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ

DAILY RELIANCE

The Christian life is intended to be a pipeline between HEAVEN and EARTH through which the glory of God is manifested.

God’s glory is the goal of all things, The unifying goal of all history, Source and sum of all lasting joy. John Piper

- The glory of God is the manifest beauty of his holiness – **going public**

LEARNING TO LIVE DEPENDENTLY ON HIS POWER / WITH HIS PRESENCE