

John 14:15-16 – “If you love me Keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – The Spirit of truth...” The Spirit has come as a person. He is willing, but waiting, to do for the church all that Jesus would do if He were here. That includes revival. Why then does He not bring it? If the Holy Spirit is willing, what is He waiting for? He is waiting for the church to obey Christ’s commands. Christ’s commands were given through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:2). After Jesus told the apostles about the coming of the Holy Spirit, He said, “You shall be my witnesses...” The apostles obeyed, and the church followed the apostles in obedience. Obedience to the Spirit is required to be filled with the Spirit. If we don’t obey, it is a sign we aren’t. When the early disciples were told to shut up about Jesus, they replied boldly, “We are His witnesses...so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him” (Acts 5:32). Where did the boldness come from? They were filled with the Holy Spirit. We are partners with the Holy Spirit in witnessing. If we don’t obey, the Holy Spirit has no partners. Jesus said He would help us. Until we obey Him, we don’t need His help. The Holy Spirit isn’t recognized in the church, because the church doesn’t want Him. If we did, we would obey Christ and trust in the Spirit to help us. Whenever the we are obedient, the Holy Spirit helps us. The church doesn’t actually wait on revival; the Holy Spirit waits on the church. When Christians get desperate enough, they will obey, then the Spirit will come. When the Spirit comes in revival, it looks like another Pentecost. Let us obey as we pray. When enough saints do that, revival will come. The Spirit comes to those who obey Him. And we will know when He comes. HA