

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 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. John 14:16-17

“These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. John 14:25-27

THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we have noted before, Jesus is in his final hours before the cross, and he has been comforting the disciples with promises of his return. But now we note that he not only promised His own return, but also the coming of the _____. It is the person and _____ of the Holy Spirit that we will study in this lesson.

To begin with, we will notice that the Holy Spirit is not an it, nor a force but a person. He is the _____, third person of the _____. As eternal we recognize that He has not _____ and end. As the third _____ of the trinity we note that He shares all the attributes of deity which the others possess. And while He is equal in _____, and _____, He fills a unique function within the Godhead. The Father _____, the Son _____, and the Holy Spirit _____.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT CLASS:

Read John 15

For our study today, we will look at the various descriptions of this divine person, which Christ described.

THE HELPER

In our text we read that Jesus called the Holy Spirit the “_____.” This is translated from the greek word “paraklesis.”

“Para” = _____ & “Kaleo” _____

In other words the Holy Spirit is one called along side of us, to _____. This word also can be translated “comforter” or one who come along side to “_____” the believer. Yet this helper Jesus said would “be with you forever.”

We can list many ways in which the Holy Spirit is our “paraklesis.” But the greatest help we receive from the Holy Spirit is in the place of _____. Romans 8:26-27 states that *“In the same way the Spirit also _____ our _____; for we do not know how to _____ as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groaning's too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”*

WITH YOU AND IN YOU

Yet another ground breaking statement is made in the text. The Holy Spirit would be “with you and in you.” This is a powerful contrast to all Old Testament revelation. For in the Old Testament we see the Holy Spirit coming upon men and women, but never residing in them permanently. It is not uncommon in the Old Testament to read the phrase “the

Spirit of the Lord was upon them.” Yet only now do we get a picture of the divine coming to _____ the believer.

THE CONVICTOR

In addition to this, Jesus said in John 16:8-1 *“And He, when He comes, will _____ the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.”*

Here we see one of the great ministries of the Holy Spirit, the ministry of _____. The word _____ laterally means to “prove the guilt of the offender.” Conviction like _____ is uncomfortable, but very important. Because just as pain alerts us to a problem in the _____, conviction alerts us to a problem in the _____. In contrast to the _____ of the accuser, conviction works to draw us to Christ.

POINTING MEN TO CHRIST

Then we have yet another work of the Holy Spirit, in that after He brings men to conviction, He points them to the _____. John 16:13-14 *“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. “He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.”* This is the great gospel work of the Holy Spirit in our day, to draw men and women to the truth which is Christ.