

The Helper

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John 14:16-20

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John 14:16 – [16] *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, [17] even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

How do we CARRY OUT a CHRISTIANITY, where we are SEPARATED from our LORD by space? We await the second COMING, but HOW are WE TO KEEP HIS COMMANDS in the meantime?

Jesus says John 14:16 – [16] *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,*
“ANOTHER”

- A PERSON similar to HIS PERSON.
- JESUS says that He will ask the FATHER and send another PARAKLETOS. The HOLY SPIRIT will come to the THEM.

Parakletos – Helper; Advocate; Counselor; An Attorney; Someone who Represents you Legally.

- Same word is used to describe the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 John 2:1 – [1] *But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*
 - There is no ACCUSATION in HEAVEN legally against those who believe in HIM.
 - He is THE first PARACLETE.
- JESUS says, I will send you ANOTHER PARAKLETOS. Another HELPER.
 - He actually says in John 16:7 – [7] *Nevertheless, 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 go, I will send him to you.*
 - The APOSTLES found this STATEMENT to be TRUE.
 - But when the HOLY SPIRIT came... His witness was unique. It was an INTERNAL WITNESS.
 - Romans 8:16 – [16] *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...*
 - It is better for us that JESUS is AWAY.
 - Because we can have the SPIRIT FELLOWSHIP anywhere on EARTH.

1) The Holy Spirit of Fellowship

John 14:16 – [16] *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever...*

- In the OT period, the HOLY SPIRIT’s PRESENCE only anointed certain people.
- Yet his presence was NOT necessarily a PERMANENT PRESENCE. It was a presence/anointing for a specific task.
- GOD could also take away the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
 - “Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul.” 1 Samuel 16:14
 - David was fearful that the Lord would take the Holy Spirit from Him when He sinned.

- Psalm 51:11 – [11] *Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

Something unique was PROMISED in the NEW COVENANT. That the HOLY SPIRIT would anoint EVERYONE, not just the LEADERS.

- Joel 2:28 – [28] *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see vision. [29] Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.*
- This is what occurred at Pentecost in Acts 2. The Holy Spirit fell on everyone.

And with the coming SPIRIT... there is the promise that the Holy Spirit will not leave.

- Galatians 3:14 – [14] *so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.*
- The Holy Spirit would INDWELL every BELIEVER this side of PENTECOST.

John Owen – “The Comforter actually never leaves the believing soul with no comfort at all. A man may be in the dark, under a cloud, refusing comfort and actually finding none and feeling none. But the Spirit is the source of all comfort and in due time his comfort will be felt. God promises that he will heal sinners and restore comfort to them (Isa, 57:18). The Comforter, being sent and given, abides with the soul of believers and does not leave them.

2) The Holy Spirit of the Truth

[17] *even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

Jesus is the TRUTH. The BEDROCK TRUTH is the GODHEAD.

- The HOLY SPIRIT is called the Spirit of “the Truth.”
- The HOLY SPIRIT has always born witness to that TRUTH.
- The Holy Spirit anointed the prophets to write Scripture. 2 Peter 1:21 – [21] *For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*
 - The HOLY SPIRIT... authored the SCRIPTURES... that is where there is a COHESIVE UNITY. They all TESTIFY about the TRUTH that culminates in the PERSON of CHRIST.
 - Remember JESUS on the ROAD to EMMAUS... Luke 24:27 – [27] *And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

As the AUTHOR of the TRUTH. The HOLY SPIRIT always bears witness in our SOULS to the TRUTH.

- The HOLY SPIRIT uses the TRUTH like a PIERCING SWORD in our HEARTS.
- Hebrews 4:12 – [12] *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

17b – [17b] *whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.*

- The WORLD is UNABLE to RECEIVE the HOLY SPIRIT...

- 1 Cor 2:14 – [14] *The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*
- This REALITY of the BELIEVER’S RELATIONSHIP to the TRUTH by the SPIRIT is completely foreign to the WORLD.
 - In order for you to see and UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH. You must be born AGAIN.
 - John 3:3 – [3] *Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
- The KNOWLEDGE of the SPIRIT and the LIFE of TRUTH begins when you are BORN again.
 - But PEOPLE refuse to come to the LIGHT and the LIFE...
 - John 3:19 – [19] *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.*

3) The Holy Spirit of Christ

[17c] *You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

Jesus tells the apostles that they know the HOLY SPIRIT because they have seen the SPIRIT’S ANOINTING on the LORD.

- Isaiah 42:1 – [1] *Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.*
 - From the BAPTISM when the HOLY SPIRIT came upon the LORD...
 - This fulfilled what Isaiah the Prophet had prophesied...
 - Luke 4:1 – [1] *And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness*
 - John 3:34 – [34] *For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.*

For this reason, He is called “the Holy Spirit of Christ.”

- Galatians 4:6 – [6] *And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”*
- Philippians 1:19 – [19] *for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance.*

This is why JESUS says, “he dwells with you. and will be in you.”

- They had seen the Holy Spirit on the person of Christ.
- But now... Jesus says, the HOLY SPIRIT will be in you.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19 – [19] *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God.*
- The WAY that the HS resided in the TEMPLE is through the blood sacrifices.
 - In Leviticus 8 and 14 the “anointing oil” was sprinkled with the “blood.”
 - The anointing oil represents the Holy Spirit’s work. The blood represents Christ’s sacrificial work.
 - Hebrews 10:14 – [14] *For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*
 - For this reason, the HOLY SPIRIT is able to take up RESIDENCE in the HEART of the CHRISTIAN.

John 14:18 – [18] *“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*

- Christ says, I will not leave you like that. The HOLY SPIRIT was so closely identified with Christ, Christ can say, “I will come to you.”

- Galatians 2:20 – [20] *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*
- 2 Timothy 4:17 – [17] *But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. [18] The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

4) The Holy Spirit of Life

John 14:19 – [19] *Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.*

- The world would see Jesus the next day at the cross.
- But after Jesus would be buried... only the disciples will see Him.
- HIS LIFE will bring to them SPIRITUAL LIFE.
- The LIFE HE is TALKING ABOUT is the LIFE of the SPIRIT. And this will happen when CHRIST ascends to the FATHER.

[20] *In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.*

- The PROOF that CHRIST is with the FATHER, and that the DISCIPLES are in CHRIST, and that HE is in them is the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT.

APPLICATION: The Work of the Spiritual Life by the Spirit (John Owen)

- 1) To bring to mind the words and promises of Christ.
- 2) To glorify Christ (John 16:14).
- 3) To pour the love of God into our hearts (Romans 5:5).
- 4) To bear witness with our spirits that we are God's children (Rom 8:16).
- 5) To seal us into Christ's image (Eph 1:13; 4:30).
- 6) To be the earnest or guarantee of God's promises (2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13)
- 7) To anoint believers for ministry (2 Cor 1:21; 1 John 2:20)