

Sunday, September 20, 2020

The Holy Spirit Our Comforter and Helper

Text: John 14:15 - 31

Introduction:

Review of last Sunday's devotional, The Gift of the Holy Spirit:

The Invisible God - 1 John 4:10 - 12

The Holy Spirit Can be Grieved - Ephesians 4:30

The Holy Spirit Can Be Quenched - 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 22

Promises the Holy Spirit: Jesus

John 14:15 – 18, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another [G 243, allos] Helper [G 3875, parakletos], 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. (18) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

The word in the Greek translated “another” is allos; the meaning is “another of the same kind,” unlike heteros which is “another of a different kind.”

1. The Holy Spirit as Our Comforter:

1.1) Jesus said –

- John 16:33, “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

- Peter said in 1 Peter 4:12, “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.”

1.2) The Comforter ministers PEACE to us:

Galatians 5:22 & 23

-2 Corinthians 1:3 – 4, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, (4) who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

- Isaiah 26:3, “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”

- Romans 8:6, “for to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.”

2. The Holy Spirit as Our Helper:

2.1) The Helper Reminds Us:

- 14:26, “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 have said to you.”

- Hebrews 13:6, “So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

- Colossians 3:15 – 17, “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. (16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual song, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (17) And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

2.2) The Helper Guards Me from Error:

- Hebrews 1:1 – 2, “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, (2) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”

- 2 Peter 1:19 – 21, “And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, (20) knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. (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.”

- John 14:26, “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 have said to you.”

3. The Holy Spirit as Our Advocate:

3.1) Romans 8:1 - 6; Romans 8:12 - 17; Romans 8:26 - 30

Conclusion:

Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide *Marcus M. Wells*

Holy Spirit, faithful Guide,
Ever near the Christian's side,
Gently lead us by the hand,
Pilgrims is a desert land;
Weary souls fore'er rejoice,
While they hear that sweetest voice
Whisp'ring softly, “Wond'rer come! Follow Me,
I'll guide thee home.”

Ever present, truest friend,
Ever near Thine aid to lend,
Leave us not to doubt and fear,
Groping on in darkness drear;
When the storms are raging sore,
Hearts grow faint, and hopes give o'er,
Whisper softly, “Wand'rer come! Follow Me,
I'll guide thee home.”

When our days of toil shall cease,
Waiting for sweet release,
Nothing left but heav'n and prayer,
Knowing that our names are there,
Wading deep the dismal flood,
Pleading naught but Jesus' blood,
Whisper softly, “Wand'rer come! Follow Me,
I'll guide thee home.”