

The Gospel of **JOHN** *"Come and See"*

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John 14:15-26

"The Counselor"

14:23 "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

The Setting

Jesus has just told his disciples that he is “leaving,” and it appears that they and their whole mission are being abandoned.

John 14:18a
I will not leave you as orphans;
I will come to you.

Jesus now explains **HOW** he will accomplish his previous promise that they will be brought INTO God’s “house,” “room” and “place.

John 14:15-24

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 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.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 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. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 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.

- Our Counselor
(the interwoven-ness of God...and us)
- The Counselor **FOR** Us
(Connecting our heart to the Father)
- The Counselor **TO** Us
(Connecting the Father's heart to us)

Counselor

The Interwoven-ness of God...and Us

“Holy Spirit” emphasis over the next 2 chapters.

Genesis 1

² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the **Spirit** of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And **GOD said**, “Let there be light,” and there was light.



Counselor

The Interwoven-ness of God...and Us

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**...

Paraclete =
Para-Kaleo =
Alongside + Speak

Another
Forever
Truth

Counselor

The Interwoven-ness of God...and Us

- Advocate
- Counselor
- Helper
- Comforter
- Encourager

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The Divine Indwelling Counselor
who Illuminates Christ
and applies the Gospel to our Lives

The Counselor FOR Us

Connecting Our Hearts to the Father's

Jesus wasn't abandoning his mission but fulfilling it.
This was the foundational reason for everything he did.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the
judgment seat of Christ, so that each one
may receive what is due for what he has
done in the body, whether good or evil.

In the Eternal Courtroom:
How do you convince God that He
should let you into heaven?

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“Anyone who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client”

Compare and Deny

Matthew 19

¹⁶ “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” ^{18b} And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery... (etc etc) ²⁰ The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?”

Rationalize & BlameShift

Genesis 3:12

The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

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Luke 18:9

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed[fn] thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house **justified**, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Counselor FOR Us

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The Judge knows us perfectly
(behavior and motive)

There are no loopholes

The Judge is Perfectly Just AND Infinitely Merciful

The Counselor (attorney) stands
between us and The Judge,
pleading on our behalf.

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^{19b} Because I live, you also will live.

Pleads the works of Christ on my behalf.

“I do not ask for mercy for my client, I ask for Justice” Tim Keller

Romans 8:34

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us

Colossians 3:3

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.



Then why are we so defensive?

I can't accept or admit my
brokenness and need for rescue

When I hear criticism I immediately
and naturally defend myself.

I can't accept that I have truly
and fully been rescued

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And so I need a Counselor to not only plead my case to the Father,
but one that will plead my case to myself,
convincing me of how much I need Jesus,
and how much I have Jesus.

The Counselor TO Us

Connecting the Father's Heart to Ours

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“Teach”

I don't know who I am

“Remind”

I don't remember who I am

The Holy Spirit (usually through scripture and prayer) continuously tells our hearts:

- 1) You are loved,
- 2) Christ is enough,
- 3) You will never be abandoned

As the Finished Work of Christ is applied to my heart...

²¹ Whoever has my commandments and **keeps** them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and ***manifest myself to him.***

²³ If anyone loves me, he will **keep** my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make ***our home*** with him.

Relational, not Conditional

Do I use obedience to justify myself or use my justification to obey?

Defensive vs. Repentant