

Experience the Personal and Practical Help You Need (John 14:15-31)

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(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. (27) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (28) You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. (29) And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. (30) I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, (31) but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

[John 14:15-31 ESV]

(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. [Galatians 2:20]

(22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [James 1:22]

(28) ...Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" [Luke 11:28]

(16) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable... [2 Timothy 3:16]

(21) ...men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. [2 Peter 1:21]

(3) You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. [Isaiah 26:3]

(46) ...Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying... "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [Matthew 27:46]

(38) ...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. [Acts 10:37-38]

(32) ...John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. [John 1:32]

(16) And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him... [Matthew 3:16-17]

(1) ...Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness...

(18) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind... [Luke 4:1, 18]

2) ...the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. (3) And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, [Isaiah 11:2-3]

(28) But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. [Matt 12:28]

Practical Application

1. We all need help because life can be challenging, difficult, and hard.
2. The help we need must be personal, practical, and eternal in order for it to be truly helpful.
3. How are we supposed to live on this earth? How can I be a good person?
4. How can I be a good friend, spouse, parent, child, grandparent, student, employee, employer, and minister?
5. How can I relate to others in healthier ways?
6. How can I live with happiness, joy, peace, love, and forgiveness in my heart?
7. We can have real world down to earth help from God.
8. The good news is that God has not left us to ourselves. He has provided help; even better, He has provided a Helper.
9. This really is the “secret” to living the Christian life.
10. Those who love Jesus will obey Him. Love is the root and obedience is the fruit.
11. Jesus asks the Father to give us a Helper (Paraclete, Advocate), the Holy Spirit, to be with us and in us forever.
12. The Spirit of truth (the Holy Spirit) dwells with us and in us. He will lead us into all truth.
13. God will never leave us as orphans. Therefore, we do not have to live with an orphan heart. We can live secure, stable, and confident lives in God.
14. The Holy Spirit in us is even better than just Jesus beside us.
15. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live resurrection lives.
16. Jesus is in the Father, you are in Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is in you. God is with you, for you, around you, and in you.
17. God the Father loves you. God the Father and Son have made their home in your heart.
18. The Helper (Holy Spirit) who is sent by the Father, in the name of the Son, will teach you and help your memory (mind).
19. Jesus gives His people a special kind of peace (shalom) that heals hearts dominated by unholy trouble and unholy fear.
20. God the Father sends the only begotten Son of God, and the Son joyfully submits to the Father’s perfect and loving authority.
21. The Father and Son have ontological equality (both are God), but in the Son’s incarnation He lives out functional subordination.
22. Holy authority and holy submission are both godly and beautiful things.
23. Jesus calls satan the ruler of this world, but both He and the Father have authority over him. God permits satan to attack His Son as part of His sovereign plan to bring glory to Himself and good to His people.
24. Jesus loves and obeys the Father. We should love and obey God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in all we do.
25. The Holy Spirit empowers and helps us to do this. The Holy Spirit empowers and helps us to live the Christian life.
26. The Holy Spirit is the personal and practical help we need every day. Live in the power of the Spirit today.

Announcements

1. Wednesday Nights: Small group for adults and Awana for children at 6:30. The Awana pizza party is on May 3rd and the Awana award night will be on May 10th. Student Life Kids Camp at Shocco Springs will be on July 24-27. Kids Soccer Camp (June 12-14 from 6-8pm). Kids Art Camp (July 17-20 from 6-8pm). Taco’bout Prayer Family event with Teaching, Dinner, Fellowship, and a Movie (June 21st at 6). For more information see Tiffany Vick (Children’s Minister).
2. We will be holding a baby and child dedication on May 14th, 2023 at the beginning of service (Mother’s Day). If you would like to participate in dedicating your child to the Lord let us know.
3. HMC Small Groups are growing! We have several new small group's and more are being created.
4. All of Pastor Deric's sermons are uploaded to the Hope Mountain website: <https://hopemountain.church/resources/sermons/>
5. We will have our 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal after worship on April 30th from 12-1.
6. Mighty Oaks Full Moon Playground Fundraiser: Today from 11-3.