

Grace Group Questions

12-09-2018 – John 14:15-17 – Divine Blessings pt. 1

REMINDER: The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Passage:** Read John 14:15-17

- What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?
- Can you outline the sermon?

2. **Observation – What did you hear?**

- What evidence from the Scriptures proves that the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force?
- What passages of Scripture point to the deity of the Holy Spirit?
- The Holy Spirit does the works that only God can do. Can you list some of those works?

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

- In John 14:16 Jesus said the Father would give “another” helper. What is the difference between the words ἄλλος (allos) and ἕτερος (heteros)? Why is it crucial to understand the difference between these two words when thinking about the Holy Spirit?
- Select some of these passages to look up. What do they teach you about the Holy Spirit's Person and ministry? John 3:3, 5; Rom. 8:11; 1 John 2:20, 27; Acts 2:17–41; John 16:13; Mic. 3:8; Rom. 15:16; 2 Thess. 2:13; Rom. 8:16; Heb. 10:15; John 14:16–26; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 2:10–16; 1 John 4:1–6; Gal. 5:22, 23; 1 Cor. 12:3–11

4. **Application – How does this apply?**

- The Greek word παράκλητος (parakletos) is translated “helper”. The word literally means “one called alongside to help” and it has the idea of someone who encourages and exhorts. Identify ways in which the Holy Spirit has come along side you as your helper.
- Discuss some of the ways in which you have seen the Holy Spirit misrepresented? Also identify some of the dangers which result from of a misunderstanding of the Holy Spirit's Person and ministry.
- Many in the church react so strongly to aberrations and abuses of the Holy Spirit that they deemphasize the Spirit of God altogether. Explain why it is a danger for the church to swing the pendulum to the opposite side. What does a healthy understanding of the Holy Spirit look like practically in the church?

5. **Prayer ...**