

The God You Need To Know

“Our Helper”

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The visitation of God through the Spirit establishes believers as a thoroughly eschatological people, who live the life of the future in the present as they await the consummation.

Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-4

The **Dynamic**, full life Jesus **Promised** to believers is a **Natural Outgrowth** of intimate friendship with God, the **Holy Spirit**. (PowerPoint Slide 1)

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- The Holy Spirit is God – Acts 5:1-4; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Who is this person the Holy Spirit?

- When you want to get to know someone new, often the first step is to be introduced by someone who already knows that person well. While on earth no one knew the Holy Spirit better than Jesus. So the best place for us to learn about the Holy Spirit begins with Jesus and the words He used to introduce the Spirit to the disciples in John 14.
- John 14-16 are part of Jesus' conversation with His disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus isn't teaching a crowd of casual followers or those curious. He is not debating the Pharisees or speaking in parables to the Sadducees. Instead, Jesus is in a small room, having dinner with His closest friends. Jesus knows His time is short and wants to impart vital instructions and information to His followers.

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.” John 14:1

Key Verses:

John 14:16-18 “And I will pray (ask) the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him or knows Him; but you know Him, for **He dwells with you** and **will be in you**. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

- Another = allos = another of the same sort (heteros = another of a different sort)
- Role and nature of this person is to “help”.
- He dwelleth with you (present tense)
- Will be in you (future tense)

Ezekiel 36:26-27 “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **I will put My Spirit within you** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”

He is our Helper!!!!

What kind of help will the Holy Spirit provide?

John 14:25-26 “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 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 things** that I said to you.

- 2nd time Holy Spirit called “Helper”
- “He will teach you all things” (James 1:5)
- “He will bring to remembrance all things I (Jesus) said to you.”

John 15:26 “But when the **Helper** comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the **Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

- 3rd time Holy Spirit called “Helper”
- Spirit of Truth (John 8:44 Satan the father of lies; John 14:6 Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life).
- The Helper has come to make it possible to live a life free from deception. (discernment – inner witness – anointing within)

John 16:7 “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 depart, I will send Him to you.”

- This is an amazing scripture – Jesus begins this by saying “I tell you the truth” – because it is hard for the disciples to believe they will be better off because Jesus goes away. Jesus feels compelled to tell them “I tell you the truth”.
- How could it possibly be good that He is about to leave them?
- Because the Helper will come...

John 16:12-14 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, He will **guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will **tell you things to come**. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and **declare it to you**.”

- One of the key roles of the Helper is to supernaturally lead us into truth and reveal what lies ahead.
- For family, relationships, business, investments, and so much more

John 16:8-11 “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

- Convict = belief, persuasion (convict means to convince)
- Convinces of sin – our need for a Savior (I had a plethora of sins but wanted I was convinced of was that I needed a Savior/Helper)
- Convinces of righteousness – our right standing with God through the sacrifice of Jesus, the blood paid the debt in full – the Holy Spirit convinces us we have been set in right standing.

- Convinces of judgment – the Holy Spirit convinces us we have authority over Satan as he has been judged

“The Holy Spirit was sent to make us aware that we’re lost and in need of Jesus; to lead us to Him; then to persuade us that we are in right standing with God through Him; and, finally, to fill us with the conviction that Satan is a defeated enemy who no longer has any authority over us!”

He is our Friend!!

- Some are fearful of being open to the Holy Spirit (He is treated sometimes like the relative you hope doesn’t show up at the family gathering)
- Fear He will make me do something weird.

When the Holy Spirit becomes your friend, He brings four amazing benefits into your life.

- Power- Acts 1:8
- Love – Romans 5:5
- Fruit – Galatians 5:22-23
- Gifts – I Corinthians 12:7-11

Develop an intimate friendship through communication – the Holy Spirit speaks!!!!!!

- His Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- His Voice (John 10:1-5,27)

Application:

1. Read John 14-16 looking for insight into the ministry of the Holy Spirit
2. Begin each day with a conversation with the Holy Spirit – listen for His voice.