

## “The Paraclete”

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### **Read John 14:15-27**

“<sup>15</sup>If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. <sup>17</sup>Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. But you know Him, because He abides with you, and He will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

“<sup>19</sup>After a little while, the world will see Me no longer. But you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. <sup>20</sup>In that day, you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>He who has My commandments and keeps them, is the one who loves Me. And he who loves Me, will be loved by My Father. And I will love him, and will make Myself known to him.”

<sup>22</sup>Judas, not Iscariot, said, “Lord, what has happened that You will make yourself known to us, and not to the world?”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. And My Father will love him. And We will come to him, and make Our abode with him. <sup>24</sup>He who does not love Me, does not keep My words. And the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.”

“<sup>25</sup>These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

“<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

## Study Questions

1. Details about the Person of the Holy Spirit are more developed here than in any other place in Scripture. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the three Persons of the Godhead?
2. In John 1:32-33 we see that the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove at Jesus' baptism. Why did He appear in this form? Why is this so meaningful, especially for those who know we don't have the ability to live for God in our own power?
3. A) In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit came upon the heroes of the faith. How do these words of Jesus change that reality in an amazing way? Does the Holy Spirit live inside of you?  
  
B) How do the words "another Comforter" help us understand that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are equal? Where do the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit make their "mansion"?
4. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in us will begin to change the motivation behind our obedience to God in what way?
5. The word "Paraclete" essentially means 'super lawyer'. What does this really mean to us in our walk with God? Read Rev 12:10 and Luke 22:31-32.

### Revelation 12:10

"Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, the power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ has come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night."

### Luke 22:31-32

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brethren."

If Jesus forgives all our sins and we are living under grace, why do we need the Paraclete? Who is the 'super accuser'? How important is it to be interacting with, and listening to, our Paraclete, the Holy Spirit?