

Help! Part 1 WHO IS HE?

- Theologians tell us that these three chapters are in the last 12 hours of Jesus' life
- The main context is Jesus telling them "I'm going away, but I'm sending someone." He introduces them to the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-17 (AMP)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another ^[a]Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby), to be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you continually and will be in you.

- The Bible never refers to Him as an "it"
- If you don't see Him (Holy Spirit) as a person, then you will not develop a personal relationship with Him

John 14:25-26 (AMP)

²⁵ "I have told you these things while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the ^[a]Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.

John 15:26 (AMP)

²⁶ "But when the ^[a]Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, He will testify and bear witness about Me.

John 16:7 (AMP)

⁷ But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the ^[a]Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

- The Greek word "Parakletos" means Helper, Intercessor, Consoler, Advocate, and/or Comforter
- To walk or to come alongside (Parable, Paragraph)

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (AMP)

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, true freedom]. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, continually seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are progressively being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord, [who is] the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit helps transform us into the image of Jesus!

- Jesus tells them you can't handle everything now, but He (Holy Spirit) will tell you. This settles every argument about the Holy Spirit's ability to speak.
- The Holy Spirit is not for looks, He is for relationship

Ex. We were given china when we got married. It was gift from my grandmother. I didn't ever want to use it. I was always worried it would get broken. I'd make this weird noise if I saw it out, used, and especially when it was time to wash it. Many Christians treat the Holy Spirit like this. They think He's just for looks. Look, read about, hear stories about ... but Do Not Touch!

1. He's My HELPER

John 16:12-13 (AMP)

¹² "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear [to hear] them now. ¹³ But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future].

- **Speaks!**
 - He'll help you know what to say or not to say ... "I shouldn't say this but..."
 - When to get up, when to rest, when to pray
 - He helps you through the Word and how to use the Word to help others. He helps you stay married and healthy, keep your job, lead your family, and carry out God's assignment on your life

John 16:8-11 Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁸ And He, when He comes, will convict the world about [the guilt of] sin [and the need for a Savior], and about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹ about sin [and the true nature of it], because they do not believe in Me [and My message]; ¹⁰ about righteousness [personal integrity and godly character], because I am going to My Father and you will no longer see Me; ¹¹ about judgment [the certainty of it], because the ruler of this world (Satan) has been judged and condemned.

- **Convicts (Convinces)!**
 - SIN

1 Corinthians 12:3b no one can say, "Jesus is [my] Lord," except by [the power and influence of] the Holy Spirit.

- He leads us to Jesus
- When the Holy Spirit says, "You were wrong!" We should say, "Yes we were!"
- When He says, "You are forgiven!" We should say, "Yes we are!"

- RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin^[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- He convicts us of righteousness, because Jesus has gone to the Father. Right being, not Right feeling.
- He convicts -- or convinces -- us that Jesus has paid for our sin in full and that we are now righteous by His grace!
- The same person, who convicts us of sin, wants to convict us of righteousness!

- JUDGEMENT

***John 12:31 (AMP)**³¹ Now judgment is upon this world [the sentence is being passed]. Now the ruler of this world (Satan) will be cast out.*

John 14:30 Amplified Bible (AMP)

³⁰ I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of the world (Satan) is coming. And he has no claim on Me [no power over Me nor anything that he can use against Me];

- He convicts us of judgment because the ruler of this world is judged!
- The Holy Spirit convicts or convinces us that Satan, who WAS the ruler of this world, has been judged and cast out!
- We think, "The Holy Spirit has come to convict you that you're a sinner and you're not living right and God's going to get you!"
- He convicts me I'm a sinner without Christ, AND He convicts me that I'm forgiven and now righteous by grace AND that Satan has been defeated and has no authority over me!

2. He is My FRIEND (and He's not weird)

- Some people who talk about the Holy Spirit are weird, but they are weird no matter what they talk about (one of every three people are weird)
- You can be a normal and believe in the person and power of the Holy Spirit
- Satan has twisted our understanding of the Holy Spirit. That has made some people afraid of Him

- He is the only one who can empower us to win the whole world to Christ and Satan knows it, so he makes the Church afraid of Him.
- Satan is the one that wants us to be scared of Him and not yield our lives to Him completely because he knows that the last Church that did, healed the sick, had thousands saved in one day, and turned the world upside down!
- Acts 1:8 is very clear that one of the evidences of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is power to be witnesses
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to reproduce the ministry of Jesus in every believer:
 - That's what's scary to Satan and why the enemy wants to keep people away from embracing the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
 - I believe in all the gifts but, when the baptism in the Spirit was returned to the Church in the early 1900's, Satan got very nervous, so he shifted the focus to one gift and made it a closet experience.
 - Instead of what it was in the book of Acts: The power to "be" witnesses not "do" witnessing.
 - They had the power to preach the Gospel with signs following!
 - The evidence (benefits) of the Holy Spirit is fruit, love, power and gifts!
 - We need the Holy Spirit in all of His power!

3. He is My GOD

John 14:26 (AMP)

But the ^[a]Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf],

Luke 3:22 (AMP)

²² and the ^[a]Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "You are My Son, My Beloved, in You I am well-pleased and delighted!"

- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all serve and defer to one another!
- If we could listen in on one of their conversations, it would go something like this, "You're wonderful!" "No you're wonderful!" "No, you are!"
- It's time to embrace Him as God ... because He is!

Response:

REPENT: *from wrong thinking and believing about the Holy Spirit*

ASK: *your Heavenly Father to baptize/fill you with the Holy Spirit*

Receive: *the promise of the Holy Spirit by faith*