

“He will glorify Me”

John 14:16-17

16 " [And] I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper [parakletos], that He may be with you forever; 17 that is 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 will be in you.

Jesus identifies the parakletos as the Holy Spirit.
/And He calls the Holy Spirit the Spirit of **truth**.\

Why the Spirit of truth?

Jesus is about to go to heaven, and leave them on earth. These men will go on to preach the gospel and establish churches. It will all be based on the truth.

Last Sunday, we saw how central the truth is to our entire lives as believers in Christ.

/Our salvation begins with truth, with facts. The gospel of our salvation is the message of truth. *Eph 1:13-14*\

/Our spiritual life is based on the truth. *Eph 4:14-15, John 8:31-32*\

/Real worship is centered on the truth. *John 4:24*\

/And the church is called the pillar and support of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15).\

So first and foremost, their parakletos, the Holy Spirit, will teach them the truth.
/He will be their source of all the truth they will need to carry out their mission. \

Jesus had served the disciples in this manner (John 14:6), but now He is about to depart for heaven, so now the Holy Spirit will do so.

John 14:25-26

25 "These things I have spoken to you while abiding 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 said to you.

When Jesus lived with the disciples on earth for those 3 ½ years, He taught them many things.

/But He also mentioned there were things they were not ready to receive, John 16:12. \ *"I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.*

There were many things that Jesus said that they did not understand. There were things Jesus said that evening that they did not understand! *John 14:7-9*

Clearly they needed to learn a lot more truth, and with Jesus about to depart, they needed another teacher and guide.

/When the Holy Spirit comes, He will teach the disciples ALL THINGS.\

Not only that, but He will bring to their remembrance all the things that Jesus said to them. He will function as their teacher and reminder.

/Among other things, this ministry of the Holy Spirit would enable the apostles to write much of the New Testament – all of it, if you include the other writers like Paul and Luke who in turn were inspired by the Holy Spirit for the same purpose.\

A Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:

1 Cor 2:12-13

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

/So the Parakletos will also function as their teacher and reminder.\

John 15:26-27

26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, 27 and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

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/Once again, the Parakletos is called the Spirit of truth. Here He also serves as a witness who testifies about Jesus.\

/Not only that, but He will mentor and guide the disciples to do the same thing.
\That will bring its own challenges and needs.

/Then the Holy Spirit will embolden them, and give them the words to say.\

Mark 13:9-11

9 "But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. 10 "The gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11 "When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit.

/So again we see that the Holy Spirit, the Parakletos, meets their greatest need to fulfill their mission as apostles: the truth.\

Now, not only does the Spirit teach the truth to the saints; He also has a ministry to the unbelieving world. /He speaks the truth to the unbelieving world.\

John 16:7-11

7 "But 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 go, I will send Him to you. 8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

/The Holy Spirit does not indwell the unbelievers who make up the world. They cannot receive Him. Yet God is not willing that anyone should perish.\

1 Tim 2:3-4

3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

/So Jesus directs the Holy Spirit to convince the unbeliever that he needs a Savior. \

Three facts make up this convicting ministry of the Spirit: sin, righteousness, and judgment. We will study these three things in detail when we get to chapter 16.

There is one more passage where Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Spirit of truth. It is found in chapter 16, verses 12-15.

John 16:12-15

12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. 15 "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

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/Here we see that the teaching ministry of the Spirit begins and ends with the Lord Jesus Christ: who He is, what He taught, what He has done, and what He will do. \

The Holy Spirit disclosed things to the apostles which they had not understood earlier. He revealed things which were mysteries before Christ went to the Father.

/The meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The deity of Christ.

The mystery of Christ and His church.

The baptism by the Spirit, placing each believer in permanent union with Christ.

The bodily return of Christ, first for His church.\

And so many more.

John 16:14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

/The ultimate purpose of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Christ Jesus.\

And so we, as members of the body of Christ, are to allow the Spirit to fulfill that purpose in us:

Phil 3:3

3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

Before we end our study of John 14:12-17, there is one more New Testament passage that I want you to see. It's 1 Corinthians 2:6-16.

Two points to keep in mind as we read the passage:

/First, this passage in 1 Corinthians touches all the bases we have seen in John 14-16 concerning the Holy Spirit.\

/Second, this passage takes things to a new level suitable for the body of Christ, being indwelt by the Spirit and the gracious recipient of revealed mysteries.\

1 Cor 2:6-16

6 Yet we do speak wisdom [the word of the cross] among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; 7 but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; 8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; 9 but just as it is written,

*"THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,
AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."*

*10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things,
even the depths of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man
except the spirit of the man which is in him?*

*Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have
received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may
know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in
words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining
spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.*

*14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are
foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually
appraised. 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised
by no one. 16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL
INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Let's take a look at those two points:

/First, this passage in 1 Corinthians takes things that Jesus said about the Holy Spirit in John chapters 14-16 and applies them to **the church**. \ For instance:

/1 Cor 2:9 corresponds to John 14:17, "the world does not see Him or know Him".\

/1 Cor 2:9-13 expands on John 14:26 "the Helper will teach you all things".\

/1 Cor 2:14 takes up John 14:17 "the world cannot receive the Spirit of truth".\

/1 Cor 2:15-16 builds on John 16:13-15 "the Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth"; "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you."\
Mine and will disclose it to you."

/Second, this passage takes things to a new level suitable for the body of Christ, being indwelt by the Spirit. God has given the church great storehouses of truth and knowledge through the ministry of the Spirit of truth:\

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- God's wisdom - the word of the cross. *V. 7 but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory;*
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- Mysteries revealed: v. 9: things which eye has not seen, ear has not heard, which have not entered the heart of man\
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- The thoughts of God v.11\
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- Spiritual truths vv. 12-13\
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- Spiritual discernment v. 15\
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- the Mind of Christ v.16\

It truly is to our great advantage that Jesus is now with the Father in heaven, and has sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts!