

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 11

The Giver of Spiritual Gifts...the Holy Spirit
Part 2

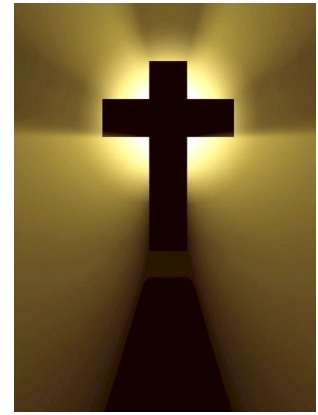


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John 16:7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



Lesson

Hi Kids, we are still on the subject of our great friend, God the Holy Spirit who Jesus promised to the apostles and all believers. Remember we want to learn all we can about God the Holy Spirit before we get into the spiritual gifts themselves. Jesus said in [John 14:16-18](#) "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 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. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

Now Jesus is about to leave the 12 apostles. He must first die on the cross, then after He rises from the dead, He'll spend a short time with them (40 days) and then He leaves them to go be seated at the Right Hand of His Father so He can be glorified by the angels in heaven. The apostles were a mess. They needed help. It's like a family that is about to lose their mother who's dying of cancer or some other deadly disease and her family is a mess. Who can they rely on? If they're not believers it's usually a family member who's strong and reliable. But our Lord sends the true Helper...God the Holy Spirit to comfort, guide and strengthen them and having the Holy Spirit is the same as having the Lord Jesus Christ. They are different people, and yet they are the same.



When someone we love dies or leaves us with no hope of returning, sometimes we try to see them as living in someone closely related to them who is still in our life. Do you know what I mean? But with the Holy Spirit, we can be comforted knowing we will see them again in heaven and the Spirit reminds us about that. He gives us peace in our soul. We must think of His work in us. [Phil 4:8-9](#) "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me; practice these things and the God of peace will be with you." You see these things make up what is essentially the same between the Lord Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit. So much so that our Lord can say to His disciples that when the Holy Spirit comes to live inside you, I come. The apostles needed to know this and Jesus really taught them a lot about it in the [Gospel of John](#). So much so that He can truly say that it is to their advantage that He go to be with the Father, so that the Holy Spirit can come to indwell or come and live inside them, unite them to Christ and be with them and teach them. [John 16:7](#) "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."



The Greek word for "helper" is *parakletos*. It means an intercessor, consoler, advocate, comforter, one properly *summoned, called to one's side*, especially called to one's aid. It also means one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant; an advocate. It also means *one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor*. Christ, in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins. [1 John 2:1](#)

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"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

In a very wide sense it means *a helper, one who aids, or an assistant*. So the Holy Spirit was decreed to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of Gospel Truth, and to give them the divine strength needed to help them to undergo trials and persecutions they would experience while preaching the Gospel message to all men...Jew and Gentile. Let's open our Bibles and look at each of these verses: [John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7](#) compared to [Matt 10:19;](#) and [Mark 13:11](#).



Parakletos means someone who stands by you in your hour of need when you need help and speaks for your benefit. Here the apostles and disciples would be persecuted for bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to unbelievers but the Holy Spirit was with them and told them what to say and do during these persecutions.

And as far as the standing by you, the fact is that the Holy Spirit goes one better. He has taken up permanent residence INSIDE you. Here is how our Lord put it: [John 14:16-17](#) "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 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 (now, before Jesus sat down at the Father's right hand...the Session) and will be in you." This is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit for the Church Age believer, which started at Pentecost and continues to happen to all Church Age believers at the moment of their personal salvation.

God the Holy Spirit is our advocate. He prays for us and goes before God for us. He encourages and even coaches us. He's our Helper. We can't say this enough, kids, and we are going to spend most of our time getting to know the Holy Spirit better by soaking up all that is given us here in our Lord's talks with the apostles on the night before He suffered in [John chapters 14 through 17](#).

There is this strong similarity between the sinful people Paul wrote to in [1 Corinthians](#) and the apostles our Lord spoke to in the Upper Room at the Passover meal...the last supper. All were messed up people, controversial people (they argued a lot), bitter people, worried people, arrogant people, fearful people, confused people and hostile people. They were people who didn't have their act together. They were people who needed help. ENTER: the HOLY SPIRIT!!! Thank you, Father.

Let's read [Psalm 46](#) together. Let's take turns reading this wonderful psalm about God the One who keeps His People safe and sheltered. *For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah set to Alamo. A Song.*

[Psa 46:1](#) "God is our shelter and strength, a very present help in trouble."

[Psa 46:2](#) "Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea..."

[Psa 46:3](#) "Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride." Selah.

[Psa 46:4](#) "There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling places of the Most High."

[Psa 46:5](#) "God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns."

[Psa 46:6](#) "The nations rage, the kingdoms tottered; He raised His voice, the earth melted."

[Psa 46:7](#) "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." Selah.

[Psa 46:8](#) "Come behold the works of the Lord, who has produced desolations in the earth."

[Psa 46:9](#) "He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire."

[Psa 46:10](#) "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted (praised) among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

[Psa 46:11](#) "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." Selah.

Isn't this a great and wonderful Psalm? Doesn't it comfort you? Notice the word "present" in the first verse of the Psalm. God is a PRESENT help!!! I know it makes me feel great knowing that my Father in heaven protects me and cares enough for me to provide EVERYTHING necessary for me to live and fulfill His plan NOW. How about you? He does the same for you!!! So our Lord Jesus Christ sends

God the Holy Spirit because He is to be our Helper. What a Helper He is. Do you realize what you have in HIM? I hope so. You have GOD LIVING IN YOU to help you do WHATEVER it takes to make you succeed in His plan for your life.

DO NOT choose the world instead! Please, please don't be like the Corinthian believers Paul had to scold! Don't be like the apostles...messed up. You HAVE the HOLY SPIRIT. They didn't. You have NO EXCUSE! So depend on God and the Spirit in you now and always. Stay filled with the Spirit always.

Close in prayer

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