

The Comforter - John 16:7-14

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- A. There is less known about the Holy Spirit than of the Father and the Son.
 - 1. This has led to several non-Biblical beliefs and practices
 - 2. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, direct and personal guidance of the Spirit, praying to, in, or through the Spirit
 - 3. We are enamored with mystery and yearn for secret knowledge
 - 4. We use our limited, childish reasoning to make up roles for the Spirit
- B. We know much about the Father and Son through the names given Them
 - 1. God is referred to as Jehovah-Jireh, "the Lord will provide"
 - a. Gen. 22:13-14 - God will take care of his children.
 - 2. Jesus is said to be the "door of the sheep" - John 10:7.
 - a. It is through Jesus that we become God's flock
 - 3. Learning some of the names given to the Holy Spirit will teach us more about Him and His work. I refuse to validate views not found in scripture

I. THE COMFORTER

- A. John 14:26 - "Comforter" is from parakletos, called to one's side or aid.
- B. There is parity between Jesus as comforter and the Holy Spirit as comforter.
 - 1. Jesus referred to the Spirit as "another Comforter" - John 14:16
 - 2. "Another" is from the Greek allos, which is another of the same kind.
- C. Holy Spirit comforts through the word He delivered to man - 1Cor. 2:4-5, 9-14

II. THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

- A. Rom. 8:2-13
 - 1. First, the Spirit delivers law - James 1:25
 - a. If there was no law, there would be no sin - Rom. 5:13
 - b. Sin is a violation of law - 1John 3:4
 - 2. Second, the Spirit imparts life - John 6:63

III. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

- A. John 16:13
- B. The truth is the result of the work of the Holy Spirit - 2Peter 1:20-21; Jude 3

IV. THE SPIRIT OF GRACE

- A. Heb. 10:29
- B. Salvation is by grace (God's part) through faith (man's part, Eph. 2:8).
 - 1. The designation of "Spirit of grace" identifies the Holy Spirit as involved in providing the grace of God that brings salvation - Titus 2:11-12

V. THE SPIRIT OF GLORY

- A. 2Tim. 3:12
- B. 1Peter 4:12-14 - The dual nature of shame and glory in suffering is equal to the dual nature of the wisdom and foolishness of the gospel

Conclusion: 2Cor. 13:14