

# The Comforter

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- “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”

# Who Is The Comforter?

- There is less known about the Holy Spirit than of the Father and the Son. This has led to several non-Biblical beliefs and practices
  - Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
  - Direct and personal guidance of the Spirit
  - Praying to, in, or through the Spirit
- We are enamored with mystery and yearn for secret knowledge
  - We use our limited, childish reasoning to make up roles for the Spirit

# Who Is The Comforter?

- We know much about the Father and Son through the names given Them
  - God is referred to as Jehovah-Jireh, “the Lord will provide”
  - Gen. 22:13-14 - “Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided.”
  - Meaning, God will take care of his children.

# Who Is The Comforter?

- We know much about the Father and Son through the names given Them
  - Jesus is said to be the “door of the sheep”
  - John 10:7 - “Then Jesus said to them again, Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.”
  - Meaning, it is through Jesus that we become part of God's flock
- Learning the names given the Holy Spirit will teach us more about Him and His work.

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- John 14:26 - “But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”
  - Comforter is from parakletos - called to one's side; helper or aid.

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- There is parity between Jesus as comforter and the Holy Spirit as comforter.
  - Jesus referred to the Spirit as “another Comforter”
  - John 14:16 - “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever”
  - “Another” is from the Greek allos, which is another of the same kind.

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- Holy Spirit comforts through the word He delivered to man
  - 1Cor. 2:4-5 - “And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

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- 1Cor. 2:9-14 - “But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him. 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

# The Spirit Of Life

- Rom. 8:2-13
- First, the Spirit delivers law
  - James 1:25 - “But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

# The Spirit Of Life

- First, the Spirit delivers law
  - If there was no law, there would be no sin
    - Rom. 5:13 - “For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.”
  - Sin is a violation of law
    - 1John 3:4 - “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”
- Second, the Spirit imparts life
  - John 6:63 - “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

# The Spirit Of Truth

- John 16:13 - “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

# The Spirit Of Truth

- Delivering truth is the work of the Holy Spirit
  - 2Peter 1:20-21 - “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”
  - Jude 3 - “Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

# The Spirit Of Grace

- Heb. 10:29 - “Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?”
- Salvation is by grace (God's part) through faith (man's part)
  - Eph. 2:8 - “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God”

# The Spirit Of Grace

- The Holy Spirit as involved in providing the grace of God that brings salvation
  - Titus 2:11-12 - “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age”

# The Spirit Of Glory

- 2Tim. 3:12 - “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”
- 1Peter 4:12-14 - “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.”
- The dual perspectives of shame and glory in suffering is equal to the dual perspectives of the wisdom and foolishness of the gospel

# Fellowship With The Holy Spirit

- 2Cor. 13:14 - “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.”