

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

John 14:16-31

Lesson #53

The Promised Paraclete

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"We shine when the fire inside us burns
brighter than the fire around us."

This is the ministry of the Spirit
as Paraclete.

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παρακλητος
(parakletos)

"one who comes along side to help"

Translated as:

"Helper"

"Mediator"

"Teacher"

"Comforter"

"Advocate"

"Encourager"

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Two ministries of the Spirit

Ministering TO us
Paraclete

One who comes
alongside to help

Advocate - assuring,
comforting, sealing

Helper - working with us
as a spiritual life coach

Teacher - revealing,
reminding, encouraging

Ministering THROUGH us
Power

One who equips
for service

Energizing - passion

Gifting - special ability

Emboldening - giving
courage

Sensitizing - caring wisdom,

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John 14

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another Helper, that He may be with you forever;"

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1. The Spirit as a Paraclete **frees us from the Law** before a Holy God and an accusing Devil.

There is no condemnation in Christ.

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Luther was converted upon understanding that Romans 1:17, "He who through faith is righteous shall live." was speaking of faith "as" righteousness rather than "producing" righteousness.

"So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!"

Martin Luther

"Holiness is not the way to Christ; Christ is the way to holiness. Better still, Christ is our holiness."

Charles Spurgeon

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- "He will give you" The Spirit is the promise of the Father that would come at Pentecost.

Acts 1

"⁴ . . . wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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John 14

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2. The Spirit as a Paraclete is an eye to see the truth.

We can be confident in universal truths.

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John 14:17 "but you know him"

The Image of God IN EVERY HUMAN

The Spirit of God GIVEN TO CHRISTIANS

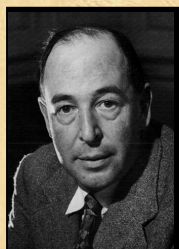
enabling us to respond to God

revealing the truths of the Gospel in Christ

The Christian Life

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C.S. Lewis



"I know the sun exists not because I can see it but rather that by it I see everything else."

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"with you"

Pre Pentecost

Occasional anointing for special ministry

"in you"

Post Pentecost

Permanent indwelling of Christ

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3. The Spirit as a Paraclete is Christ in us.

We can appeal to the Spirit of Christ installed in our heart.

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“¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ After a little while the world will behold Me no more; but you will behold Me; because I live, you shall live also. ²⁰ In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

Romans 8:15

“For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!””

4. The Spirit as a Paraclete is an inheritance with Christ.

Have hope that transcends circumstances.

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Is obedience to the Law a condition for receiving the Spirit?

John 14:21

“He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.”

- ✓ “Having and keeping Jesus’ commandments” = being a disciple but not being perfect (The Apostles are examples).
- ✓ Paul grounds our relationship with God in the righteousness of faith (apart from our works).
- ✓ The Corinthian Christians had the Spirit but were yet carnal or fleshly.

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“²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.”

- ✓ This is the “attachment” that John 13-15 is focused on.

5. The Spirit as a Paraclete is our attachment to God and His Son.

We are in God’s household and family.

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“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.”

- ✓ The Spirit comes along side to assist not to force, control, manipulate, or displace us in our responsibility to respond to God.

6. The Spirit as a Paraclete is our spiritual life coach.

We have a 24/7 coach to guide our response to life’s challenges.

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- ✓ The Spirit is given to the Apostles with the promise that they will receive further revelation (the Gospel expressed in the Epistles of the New Testament).
- ✓ This is the sanctioning of the teaching of the Apostles in the N.T. Epistles.

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Ephesians 3:5

“(The Gospel) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy Apostles and Prophets by the Spirit.”



²⁷ Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

- ✓ Jesus' followers are to **live in the peace** that marked Jesus' life (“My peace”).
- ✓ The peace of Christ is not at all like the **peace that comes from the world**, based on material circumstances.

7. The Spirit as a Paraclete is our **peace dispenser**.

We can have peace in spite of the circumstances.

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²⁸ You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I.’ ²⁹ And now I have told you before it comes to pass, that when it comes to pass, you may believe.”

- ✓ It **looks as though** Jesus is dying at the hands of the Romans but in **reality**, he is going to the Father via the Cross and Resurrection.

8. The Spirit as a Paraclete is our **comforter** in the face of the Cross.

We see our cross as an opportunity to develop or demonstrate character.

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³⁰ I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; ³¹ but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go from here.”

- ✓ “He has nothing in me” = “**I am innocent and without sin**”.
- ✓ It is out of **love for the Father** that I submit to this injustice.
- ✓ The disciples are asked to go with Jesus and **witness** what is to happen to Jesus and to his followers.

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The Spirit as Paraclete enables us to:

1. be free from condemnation.
2. have confidence in the truth.
3. know that Christ lives in us.
4. see hope beyond circumstances.
5. identify with the ultimate family.
6. have a 24/7 life coach.
7. know peace in spite of trouble.
8. be comforted in the midst of pain.

Be filled with the Spirit

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“We shine when the fire inside us burns brighter than the fire around us.”

“The biggest challenges in life come from the way we see this world

*This is the ministry of the Spirit as **Paraclete**.*

A “quiet time”

Time alone with the Paraclete is necessary in combating the loneliness of life.

It is the place where God can remind us of the truth, renew our mind, and reassure our soul in preparation for the challenges of life. **23**