

Parakletos

Guiding Us

10-13-24

John 16:12–14 (ESV)

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We have seen in John 14:26 that the Parakletos is the Holy Spirit. In John 16:8 we have seen that the Parakletos convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement. Now this week we see that while the Parakletos convicts the world, HE is also guiding us who have trusted Jesus Christ as our Savior.

My question has been, “Dear Lord, why would you use the term Parakletos to identify the Holy Spirit.” The emphasis is seemingly out of nowhere. While preparing for the message, I asked, “Why Lord do you use this term the night before you go to the cross?” Then the thought came to mind. My name is Wallace. My title what I do is Pastor. Both names describe me. Likewise, the Spirit’s name is Holy Spirit. HIS title what HE does is Pararkletos which means Helper, Counsellor, Advisor, Legal Consultant, and in ancient times also the name given a tugboat that would bring another boat to shore, etc. Jesus wanted us to understand what the Holy Spirit would do. The night before the cross, Jesus was explaining the work of the Holy Spirit, associated with our salvation. As believers, we have clear truth and revelation concerning our redemption. However, there is much more Jesus wants to reveal to us.

This helps us understand the big picture of our salvation and behavior. Absolute truth proclaimed from day one.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

By Jesus going to the cross, God reconciled the human race, putting it back where God designed it to be. Done deal, completed, absolutely finished, irrevocable. Our salvation is based on who we are not what we do. Hallelujah! Any effort put forth any good work to be accepted by God nullifies Christ's death on the cross and alienates us from God. See Gal. 5:4. All you law givers, finger pointers, who judge others destroy the work of Christ! Therefore, the revelation of the Holy Spirit, the Parakletos.

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This is absolute truth. The Holy Spirit will guide us. Now listen carefully. There is a distinction between the revealed truth of redemption which is finished and complete “and” the actual conscious experience of truth based on the decisions in a person's life.

The application of individual people to the guidance of Holy Spirit is a matter of their own individual decision. Believers don't need more rules or judgements. We just need to stop acting independent of God. We must realize that God meeting each individual where they are and speaking into their situation. The Holy Spirit will speak, HE will guide, He will continue to reveal Christ. Each person is responsible to grow in their own relationship with Christ. This is the reason Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. So, I will send the Spirit of truth to continue to guide you." Jesus is saying, "You are going to need the Holy Spirit to function in this world."

To keep from sinning, we don't need a rule. We need Jesus and the guiding of the Holy Spirit. As believers, "What are we to do?" Here are a few verses that show us how to incorporate the power of the Holy Spirit.

#1 No rules for holiness, no judging, just the Holy Spirit = present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV)

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present** your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed **by the renewal of your mind (renewing your mind is like studying for a math test, this is learning the language of the Holy Spirit by studying Scripture) and you do this so** that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

#2 No rules for holiness, no judging, just the Holy Spirit = Be occupied with the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 (ESV)

But I say, walk (be occupied) by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

#3 No rules for holiness, no judgement, just the Holy Spirit = Let the anointing teach you.

1 John 2:27 (ESV)

But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as HIS anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

God gives Elders and teachers as secondary teachers to walk alongside believers to point them to Christ. However, the anointing is the primary teacher.

Jesus closes this section with a promise. Only with the Holy Spirit guiding can this promise become a reality.

John 16:23–24 (ESV)

Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, HE will give it to you. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

No rules, no judging, just the Holy Spirit releases God to act!

Galatians 2:21 (ESV)

I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law (rules), then Christ died for nothing.