

THE COMFORTER.

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: John 14:15-18.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Jesus promised the troubled apostles (John 14:1-3) another comforter (Parakletos: helper, counselor).
2. "Spirit of truth" (vs. 17); Holy Spirit (vs. 26).
 - 1) A person, not a thing; - "HE" not an "IT."
 - 2) He would come after Jesus had departed (John 16:17).

C. There are many concepts of the Holy Spirit.

1. Most of these ideas are false.
2. Jesus gives important info about this Comforter.

DISCUSSION: THE COMFORTER...

I. HE IS DEITY.

A. One in the Godhead (Matt. 3:13-17; Luke 3:22 "And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.")

B. Jesus said "another" comforter (John 14:16).

1. One other than Himself, but of like kind (*allon*).
2. Christ had come as a Comforter (Matt. 11:28).

C. John 14:26: This Comforter would be sent by God the Father.

1. He will teach you and bring to your remembrance.
2. He would not come until Christ had gone (John 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.")

II. HE WAS PROMISED ONLY TO THE APOSTLES.

A. Christ was speaking to the apostles (John Ch. 13).

1. He washed their feet (John 13:1-20).
2. He revealed that one of them would betray Him (13:21-30).
3. He gave the new commandment (13:31-35).
4. He tells of Peter's denial (13:36-38).

B. He told the apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the promise (Luke 24:49).

C. The apostles received the promise.

1. The twelve Acts 1:26; 2:1-4.
2. Then Paul in Acts 9:17.

III. HE WAS PROMISED FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE.

A. To guide the apostles into all truth (John 16:13 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...")

1. The apostles would then guide mankind into that same truth (John 8:32).
2. It is the preaching/teaching of the gospel that provides information to be obeyed (READ Rom. 1:14-17).

B. To teach the apostles all things (John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things..."). READ 1 Cor. 2:5-13).

C. To bring to their remembrance the words of Jesus (John 14:26 "... and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."; Heb. 2:3-4). "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be

spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?"

- D. To give the apostles the full measure of the “gifts” to confirm the word (Mark. 16:20** “And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.”)

IV. HE WAS SENT TO REPROVE THE WORLD.

A. John 16:6-13.

1. Reprove means to inform and correct (**2 Tim. 4:2**).
2. We are sanctified by the truth (**John 17:17**).

B. This is done through the apostle’s teaching. By *inspiration*: John 17:20 “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word”; **2 Pet. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16.**

1. **Orally**, while they were alive ().
2. And by the **written word** after their deaths (**Eph. 3:4** “Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ”).

C. Our faith comes through this inspired word (Rom. 10:17).

1. The Comforter provides the avenue for our faith.
2. We should thank God for the work of the Holy Spirit.

V. CONCLUSION:

A. The full measure of miraculous gifts was given to the apostles.

1. They received the gifts directly from the Comforter.
2. The gifts were imparted to others by the laying on of the apostle’s hands (**2 Tim. 1:6; *** Acts 8:18** “And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money.”)

B. All that obey the gospel are promised the “gift” of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38).

1. This is not the same as was promised to the apostles.
2. The “gift” in **Acts 2:38** is promised to all that obey the gospel.
 - 1) In the 1st Century some did receive certain miraculous gifts.
 - 2) However, those gifts are not available to us today.
 - a. WHY? Because there are no apostles that can “lay hands on us.”
 - b. Remember the purpose of the miracles (**Mark 16:15-20**).

VI. APPEAL:

A. Today we receive the hope of salvation by obeying the gospel.

B. We should thank God the Father, Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit! Each had a part in the plan to save men!