

THE COMFORTER.

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INTRODUCTION:

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

B. Regarding the text:

1. Jesus promised sorrowful apostles another Comforter (Paraketos - Helper, advocate, counselor).
 - 1) "The Spirit of truth" (vs. 17) - "The Holy Spirit" (vs. 26).
 - 2) A person, not a thing - "He", not "it".
 - 3) To come after Jesus had departed (16:7).
2. Jesus gives several facts about this Comforter:

DISCUSSION: IN THIS STUDY WE OBSERVE...

I. THE COMFORTER WAS SEPARATE FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON.

- A. To be given another comforter, one other than himself (v. 16).**
- B. Father to send Him in Christ's name (v. 26).**

II. THE COMFORTER WAS PROMISED ONLY TO THE APOSTLES.

- A. They were the ones present (John 13).**
- B. They were the ones with him from the beginning (15:26-27).**
- C. They were the ones told to wait or the promise (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:1-5).**
- D. They were the ones who received the promise (Acts 1:8; 2:1-4).**

III. THE COMFORTER WAS PROMISED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES.

- A. To guide them into all truth (16:13).**
- B. To teach them all things (14:26; 1 Cor. 2:5-13).**
- C. To remind them of Christ's words (14:26; Heb. 2:3-4).**
- D. The Comforter was promised to reprove the world (16:8).**
- E. This was done through apostle's word (17:20).**
 1. Orally while they were alive (Acts 2:14; Acts 24:25).
 2. Written and left for all time (Eph. 3:1-5; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
- F. He gave spiritual gifts to confirm the word (Mark 16:20).**
- G. Delivered the faith to them in the first century (Jude 3).**

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. All spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit were given to the apostles in New Testament era.**
 1. They received it directly from heaven (Acts 2).
 2. Others received it by laying on apostle's hands (Acts 8).
- B. Today, we do not receive these spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 13). However, we do have the inspired word which was revealed (2 Pet. 1:20-21).**