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“A New Helper” John 14:15-18

The Christian faith is a religion of the spirit. Jesus was conceived of the Spirit by the Virgin Mary. The Spirit descended on Him at his baptism when the Father said, “This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.” He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And He returned claiming that the Spirit was upon Him and anointed Him to proclaim good tidings to the poor. Hebrews 9:14 says He offered Himself up as a sacrifice through the eternal Spirit and according to Romans 1:4 was raised from the dead by the Spirit.

I. A Helper Who is a Personal Friend:

- A. The Holy Spirit is a person not just an influence or an impersonal power.
- B. There are three characteristics which define personhood:
 - Intellect 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
 - Emotion Ephesians 4:30
 - Will 2 Corinthians 12:11
- C. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, and He will be with us forever:
Praise God from whom all blessings flow...
- D. Billy Graham: “The Trinity is not one + one + one = 3, rather one x one x one = one.”

II. A Helper Who is a Personal Counselor:

- A. He will give you another Helper... The Greeks use the word Paraclete as Counselor or Comforter. (Romans 8:9)

Romans 8:9 “You are not of the flesh but of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit dwells in you...”

- B. The “Another” in the Greek can be translated from two words:
 - Heteros another of a different kind
 - Allos another of the same kind
- C. The person of the Holy Spirit is identical to the person of Jesus. Therefore, the Counselor in your life is to help you to live like Jesus.

III. A Helper Who is a Personal Teacher: John 14:25-28

- A. The greatest teacher in the world is the Holy Spirit... however, this does not allow us to be lazy in personal studies. 2 Timothy 2:15 Study...
- B. When the Word of God is preached from this pulpit it carries all the Authority of Heaven if:
 - 1. The preacher relies on the Spirit both in preparation and delivery.
 - 2. The listener confirms the truth of the message by the Spirit

IV. A Helper Who is our Guide

- A. We can teach “you the way to be saved but only the Holy Spirit can guide you into that experience”
- B. All truth means just that. From now on until the day we die the Holy Spirit will teach us all things and guide us into all truth.

Closing Thoughts:

- 1. How do you receive the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Where do you need the Holy Spirit’s help right now?