

The Comforter¹

John 14:15-18

Introduction:

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

Discussion:

- I. The Comforter Was Separate from the Father and the Son.**
 - A. To be 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. (Ch. 13).
 - B. They were the ones with him from the beginning (15:26-27).
 - C. They were the ones he had said things to. (14:26).
 - D. They were the ones told to wait for the promise (Acts 1:1-5).
 - E. They were the ones who received the promise (Acts 1:26; 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; cf. 1 Cor. 2:5-13).
 - C. To remind them of Jesus’ words (14:26; cf. Heb. 2:3,4)
- IV. The Comforters Was Promised to Convince the World. (16:8).**
 - A. Does this through Apostle’s word (17:20)
 - 1. Orally while they were alive (cf. Acts 24:25).
 - 2. Written and left for all time (Eph. 3:1-5).
 - B. Delivered the faith to them in the first century (Jude 3).

Conclusion:

- A. All extra-ordinary gifts of H.S. connected to apostles in N.T. era.
 - 1. They received it directly from heaven.
 - 2. Others received it by laying on apostles hands (Acts 8).
- B. All promised gift of H.S. (Acts 2:38) — not as comforter, guide, etc.

¹ parakletos- 1) summoned, called to one's side, especially called to one's aid a) one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, a counsel for defense, a legal assistant, an advocate b) one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor of Christ in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins c) in the widest sense, a helper, a succorer, an aider, an assistant; used of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after Christ's ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and to give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom — Thayer.