

# Our Comforter

## Scripture:

John 14:16-17, 26; 16:7, 13-14

## Introduction

On Pentecost Sunday we normally think of the coming of the Holy Spirit to baptize the believers with divine power to witness, perform miracles, and do exploits. But Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit in more intimate terms: He is the Comforter, the divine Paraklete, who is there in the good times, the bad times, and the in between times.

The Holy Spirit was not only given to give power to the believer but also to bring the believer into an intimate personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## I. The Paraklete

**John 14:16 KJV** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

**1 John 2:1 KJV** ...And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

A. Parakletos: Comforter-4 times; Advocate-1 time

1. Used only by John
2. Indicates intimate friendship
3. Used 4 times referring to the Holy Spirit; one time referring to Jesus Christ

B. The Holy Spirit, our Comforter

**John 16:13b-14a KJV** ...for he will not speak of himself...and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me....

1. He will reveal Jesus
2. He will bring us into a closer relationship to God

## II. His work

**John 14:26 KJV** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have told you.

A. He is here to teach you to be a successful Christian

1. How to pray powerful prayers
2. How to win in spiritual warfare
3. How to experience His care

B. He is here to remind us when we forget

## III. The effect of His work

**Galatians 5:22-23 KJV** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

A. Spiritual gifts

1. The ministry gifts: Ephesians 4:11
2. The motivational gifts: Romans 12:6-8; I Corinthians 12:28
3. The gifts of the Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

B. The fruit of the Spirit

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Longsuffering
5. Gentleness
6. Goodness
7. Faith (Faithfulness)
8. Meekness
9. Temperance

C. Dealing with our hurts and disappointments

