

Jesus' Teaching about God the Holy Spirit

Jesus is about to go to the cross, be buried, resurrected & return to heaven. Jn 13-17 is called the Upper Room Discourse and in this discussion, the Lord describes what the ministry of God the Holy Spirit will be during the Church Age.

(Jn 14:16-17) I will ask the Father, & He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.

- **another counselor** - another like Jesus
 - **allos** – another of the same kind cp **heteros** – another of a different kind Gal 1:6-7
 - **parakletos** – come alongside & call out – to encourage, comfort, advise, teach, – mentor
- a. Jesus & the 12 in a Master-Disciple relationship, operating according to a specific paradigm
 - b. Paradigm – willing submission to Master's authority, willingly influenced by Master's views about scripture, focus on practical life applications explained in a day to day relationship, Master observed disciple's beliefs/behaviors under pressure to provide guidance for growth.
 - c. Master-Disciple relationship was far more than Teacher-Student model used in today's church
 - d. Intimacy, observation, confrontation, correction, encouraged, comforted, personal relationship
 - e. God the Holy Spirit is the Master – believers are disciples: pursue the same intimacy with God the Holy Spirit as they with Jesus
 - f. With us and indwelling us forever – God the Holy Spirit will indwell our resurrection body

(John 14:26) "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

- **Teach** – **didasko** – to instruct, to explain, instruct – in the sense of Master-Disciple – no privacy
- a. Disciples inculcated in Pharisaic interpretation of the Law since childhood - much to take off
 - b. In spite of willing surrender to His views, failed to understand Him because of Old Man beliefs
 - c. Jesus patiently, repetitiously confronted false views, offering corrected ideas about His mission
 - d. He used multiple methods to teach – parables, stories, live examples, running commentary
 - e. GHS ministry is to the bel's mentality always & never directly to emotions – not emotionalism
- **Remind** – **hupomimnesko** – bring to remembrance, recall from memory – all that I have said
- a. Christ taught, God the Holy Spirit enabled: understood, they believed → transferred into heart, into memory
 - b. God the Holy Spirit operates spiritual work enabling bel to understand, believe and program heart with truth
 - c. Truth stored in the heart by faith is recalled by God the Holy Spirit at moment of need to enable bel to use it
 - d. God the Holy Spirit: teaches, enables understanding, storage, recall & application – bel attaches faith to truth
 - e. Bel's role: 1Pet 2:2 choose hunger for truth; expose self to truth; believe truth when taught; look/listen for God the Holy Spirit to recall truth; believe truth cp with lie to choose thought, feeling, behavior

(John 15:26) "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me,

- **Spirit of Truth**: inspired biblical writers, teaches bel's soul, recalls/enables application of truth

- a. God the Holy Spirit's ministry involved every phase of communication of the truth from God to mankind
 - b. Every aspect of His ministry is based on truth – lead, guide, convict, fruit, gifts, freedom
- **Witness** – **martureo** – testify in court, attest to, testimony – to truth about Jesus Christ
- a. The purpose of church on earth to produce truth/Christ & evidence that the bible is true
 - b. The evidence is sp. fruit in the life of the believer – entire program is under His care.

(John 16:8) "And when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness & judgment;

- **Convict** – **elencho** to convince, persuade, use evidence to prove wrong doing
- a. Convicting Ministry of God, the Holy Spirit – to prove to the world of unbelievers their guilt & need for Christ
 - b. God the Holy Spirit uses the gospel to convince the unbeliever they are a sinner & need a Savior
 - c. Uses the spiritual life & fruit of mature believers to reveal that Christ is real & cares about them

(John 16:12) "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ¹⁴ "He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine and shall disclose it to you. ¹⁵ "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore, I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you.

- **Guide** – **hodegaio** – lead the way, guide, show the road – God the Holy Spirit shows bel's the road truth forms
- a. God the Holy Spirit reveals the truth to bel's heart, enlightening the eyes of the heart to see God's plan
 - b. He guides us into all truth – big picture (Categorical Bible Doctrine) & detailed view of specific issues in life

Speak – **laleo** – communicate truth – technical term; **hears** – from God the Father & God the Son

- a. Jesus uses an analogy so that disciples can relate: God the Holy Spirit listening in on God the Father & God the Son, reporting to us
- b. The point is that God the Holy Spirit work is to emphasize the work of Christ that is able to save & edify

Disclose – **anaggelo** – announce, uncover what is hidden, explain

- a. God the Holy Spirit looks/listens to know what will happen in the future & announces it to the church
- b. His announcements of what is to come are called prophecy & all prophecy has been given

Glorify – **doxazo** – to outwardly expose inner qualities – lily & Solomon

- a. God the Holy Spirit's ministry is to make known the virtues of the character of Jesus & the Godhead
- b. God the Father has given everything to Jesus & God the Holy Spirit reveals all that & allows us to partake of Christ
- c. He reveals Person & work of Christ in the gospel so that we can be saved & share it with world
- d. He reveals the character of Christ so that we can make His character the life goal for our own
- e. He reveals the plan of God for the believer in time that we might grow in grace & knowledge, forming the character of Christ in us, maturing in our understanding of the divine perspective

John's discussion of the words of Jesus concerning God the Holy Spirit, give us an outline to understand His ministry to us. He indwells us making our bodies the temple of the Godhead. He empowers us to understand and enter in to the divine plan for the new believer, born again as a sp. baby to grow up in Christ unto a mature man, able to embrace the incredible opportunities found in Christ & to take on adult responsibilities of a spiritual warrior in the angelic conflict.