

Upper Room Discourse

John Ch 13-17 has been named the Upper Room Discourse. After the Passover meal had become the Eucharist, Jesus begins in earnest to prepare His disciples for His departure and for what would be ahead for them. He spoke of love from God the Father manifested to Himself and to all believers, love for Him manifested in obedience, His peace available to believers, persecution, bearing fruit & His return. Today's study looks at parts of His explanation of God the Holy Spirit who would come after He sat down in session.

(Jn 14:16-17) "And I will ask the Father, and 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.

(Jn 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.

1. Another Helper – allos parakletos – an encourager – mentor – teacher – comforter

Allos – another of the same kind; **heteros** – another of a different kind Gal 1:6-7

- a. God the Holy Spirit is a teacher/mentor just like Jesus – they walked with Him and He with them, lived with them, knew their thoughts, instructed them, corrected them, chided them, etc.
- b. Our relationship to God the Holy Spirit is intended to be as intimate & real as the disciples with Christ

Helper – **parakletos**: to come along side to give aid; one who gives instruction & counsel; supporter, advocate, one who protects & mediates.

- a. God the Holy Spirit who indwells us (Brettell – human spirit), like Christ, is our teacher, trainer, sp. helper, encourager, comforter, disciplinarian – mentor who guides us to sp. success
- b. He plays the same role for us forever, that Jesus played 3 yrs. for the disciples.

2. Spirit of Truth – in you forever; teach you all things, remind you of all I said to you.

- a. Is with you forever; remains with you; in you – compared to the Old Testament ministry where God the Holy Spirit “came alongside”.
- b. (1Cor 12:13) – connect to Christ – Church Age believer - forever; (1Cor 6:19) indwelling; home base
- c. **Teacher – Counselor** – ministry to the soul, the mind of the bel, **not to our emotions**
- d. (Eph 5:18) – not drunk → pleasure seeking (alla) be **filled by/with God the Holy Spirit**
- e. **Filled** – PPIMpv **pleroo** – to pay/provide supply; fill up, supply fully, influence

- The Present Imperative is a standing command, moment by moment to focus on God the Holy Spirit's supply
- The Passive voice says that in the moment we are to surrender our conscious faculties to be fully influenced (not controlled) by what God the Holy Spirit supplies. Therefore, the Filling of the Holy Spirit is not an active (an act we initiate) function.

(Eph 3:16-19) power & strength inner man – filled to the fullness of God – long look

- f. The Believer's role in the Filling of the Holy Spirit
 - Practice awareness of God the Holy Spirit (He is real! - communicating with you) Visual - Verbal
 - Be alert to personal sin (use volition to reject His ministry, go on your own power);
 - Confession of sins (breaks the hold of selfishness produced by one's Old Sin Nature, cleanses –R) - neutral
- Look within soul for His instruction function – eyes/heart to see truth/apply + inner dialogue to hear say truth/apply – resume forward movement to the Lord