

## **Another Helper Promised**

*John 14:16-17*

INTRODUCTION:

Does Acts 19:2 describe us?

What would you miss if the Holy Spirit were not actively at work in your life?

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Why this promise?

Who is this Helper? The Holy Spirit.

Names of the Spirit

The Spirit of Truth (John 14:17); The Holy Spirit (John 14:26); The Helper (John 14:26); The Comforter (John 14:16); The Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:11).

The Personality of the Spirit

He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30; Isaiah 63:10); He can be resisted (Acts 7:51); He can be quenched (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

The Deity of the Spirit

See names above; 2 Corinthians 3:18.

The Spirit's Relationship to the Godhead

Sent by the Father (John 14:26); In Jesus' Name (John 14:26); Sent by the Son (John 15:26; 16:7).

Four Aspects of Jesus' Promise to His Disciples

1. The promised Spirit would be with Jesus' disciples forever  
(John 14:16)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The promised Spirit would set Jesus' disciples apart from the world  
(John 14:17)

(See also Romans 8:5-11; 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 3:3-6)

3. The promised Spirit would interact in ways familiar to the disciples  
(John 14:17)
  - o The work of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost:
    - Active in creation (Genesis 1:2)
    - Instructing (Nehemiah 9:20)
    - Enabling interpretation of dreams (Genesis 41:38)
    - Empowering for service in the OT (Bezalel in Exodus 31:3)
    - Spoke through the prophets (2 Samuel 23:2; Micah 3:8)
    - Protected the people of God (in the exodus from Egypt - Isaiah 63:11-12)

- Anointing of Israel's leaders
  - Moses and the seventy elders (Numbers 11:17-25)
  - Joshua (Deuteronomy 34:9)
  - Othniel (Judges 3:10)
  - Gideon (Judges 6:34)
  - Jephthah (Judges 11:29)
  - Samson (Judges 14:6)
  - Saul (1 Samuel 11:6)
  - David (1 Samuel 16:13)
- The ministry of Jesus
  - Isaiah 61:1-2 Prophesied to be on the Servant of YHWH
  - Luke 1:35 active in the conception of Jesus
  - Matthew 12:32-33 active in the earthly ministry of Christ (made blasphemy of the Spirit possible)
  - Luke 4:1-2 led Jesus (into the wilderness to be tempted)
  - Luke 3:22 descended upon Jesus (anointing for messianic ministry)
  - Luke 4:1,14
  - John 3:34-35
  - John 1:32
  - Acts 10:38
  - 1 Peter 3:18 the resurrection

4. The Promised Spirit would interact in ways unfamiliar to the disciples  
(John 14:17)

The work of the Holy Spirit in the disciples:

- promised by Jesus to continue His work of comfort for his disciples - John 14:16
- teach the disciples, bring to remembrance all that Jesus said - John 14:26
- Power for witness to the ends of the earth - Acts 1:8
- Power for miracles – Stephen – Acts 6:5,8
- Power for miracles – Paul – Romans 15:19
- Demonstration of power in ministry – Paul – 1 Corinthians 2:4
- Boldness/power in proclamation - Acts 4:8,31; 6:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; 1 Peter 1:12

- The work of the Holy Spirit in us:
- The Spirit reveals God and His truth through the Word - Hebrews 3:7; Hebrews 10:15; Ephesians 6:17.
  - The Spirit regenerates (converts) believers - Titus 3:5; John 3:6-7; John 6:63; 2 Corinthians 3:6.
  - The Spirit baptizes believers into Christ - Galatians 3:27; 1 Corinthians 12:13.
  - The Spirit sanctifies believers - Initially at the point of conversion – 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5; Transforms believers into the image of the Lord – 2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2
  - The Spirit produces fruit in believers – Galatians 5:22-23.
  - The Spirit preserves believers – Ephesians 1:13-14.
  - The Spirit affirms believers' filial relationship to the Father – Romans 8:15-16.
  - The Spirit leads believers – Romans 8:14.
  - The Spirit enables, energizes, and empowers God-pleasing spiritual living – Romans 8:4-17.
  - The Spirit intercedes on behalf of believers - Romans 8:26; Ephesians 2:18.
  - The Spirit equips believers for ministry with spiritual gifts - 1 Corinthians 12:7,11.
  - The Spirit indwells believers - 1 Corinthians 6:19.

CONCLUSION:

What would you miss if the Holy Spirit were not actively at work in your life?

In what ways do you need to be more dependent upon the Spirit's work in your life?

In what ways do you need to recognize and express your dependence on the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?