

GOD'S OWN PRESENCE IN US

May 8, 2022 John 14:16-18 by Bob Branch
Alive In The Spirit, part 1

SERIES: Introduce the Spirit so we *know & trust* him—leading us to lean on, work in cooperation with, experience the fullness of, are conversant and excited about him.

“I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away” **John 16:7** ESV

“for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.” **John 16:7** ESV

Paraclete. *One-called-in-alongside*

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Paraclete to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.” **John 14:16-18** CSB

1. The Paraclete is a _____.

In Acts, he is tempted, resisted, bears witness, snatches, gives orders, sends, thinks, forbids, prevents, appoints.

NT: helps us pray, searches our hearts. Leads, teaches, speaks, predicts, groans, and can be grieved.

2. _____ Paraclete. (Jn 14:23, 26; 15:26)

allon paraclete: another of the same kind

The Paraclete comes to take the place of Jesus in his physical absence.

3. To _____ forever.

“Emmanuel, which means God with Us” **Matthew 1:23**

4. _____.

“Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?” **1 Corinthians 3:16** ESV

“Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you” **1 Corinthians 6:19** CSB

“the God who is present is coming to be God who is experienced... *then becomes today, there becomes here, without becomes within*, that Christ *for us* is Christ *in us*.”
Emil Brunner

5. The _____ of the Paraclete:

Holy: “*wholly other, distinct, set apart, wholly God's, pure*”

“You shall be holy, for I am holy.” **1 Peter 1:16**
(Lev. 11:44).

Truth:

“do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” **Ephesians 4:30** ESV

Darrell Johnson's Summary: “It is to our advantage that I go away physically. How can that possibly be? Because when he goes, he sends in the another Paraclete, a person of the same kind as Jesus, who continues Jesus' presence with us forever, who comes to live in us, slowly but surely making us more like the holy One himself and helping us see all of life in light of Him who is the truth.”

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