

I. EMPOWER

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...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 things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:16-17, 26-27

- A. John gives us several key insights regarding the way the Trinity help us as believers living in this present fallen world.
- B. Previously under the Mosaic Covenant that gave Israel the laws of God, the people had to find the motivation within themselves to walk according to the commandments. God was always a God of love, motivating his people with His love, but that experience was primarily external. This means that there was no indwelling Holy Spirit from God to enable and empower our decisions. Motivation was primarily based on what a person could provide from their own strength.
- C. We see a Biblical narrative that carries many highs and lows, life stories riddled with positive and negative decisions based on how individuals were relating to God at the moment.
- D. Jesus, Second Person of the Godhead came into our human existence as a flesh and blood man, born from the womb of a woman empowered by God to initiate a covenant that completely changed humankind's ability to fellowship (koinonia) with God.
- E. Jesus came with the power to initiate "eternal life" within the human spirit/soul. Since it was God who created man in His image, it is God who holds the power of zoe/divine life and is able to activate that life in the human frame.

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. John 17:1-2

- F. Now, due to the power of Jesus' death and resurrection, Jesus initiates divine zoe life inside the soul/spirit of a human being thus imparting the person of Holy Spirit (3rd person of the Trinity). We now get a constant 24/7 connection to the Godhead.

II. IMPARTATION OF POWER - HOLY SPIRIT OUR HELPER

- A. Jesus and the Father were faithful to their promise. At our moment of salvation, when we surrender our lives and seek fellowship with God; Holy Spirit fills our spirit and we are born again.
- B. Our spirit opens to and receives the divine Holy Spirit who is our deposit INSIDE motivating our love and obedience for God from our inner man. Fellowship is now from the heart.

C. He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth,.. for He dwells with you and will be in you...

1. He (Father) will give you another Helper.
2. He may abide with you forever.
3. The Spirit of Truth.
4. He dwells with you.
5. He dwells in you.

D. We are not left with no critical loving attachments. Jesus promised not to leave us as orphans but to maintain connection through the power of Holy Spirit life.

...I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you. John 14:18

E. Jesus further explains the work of the Holy Spirit living in us and how we are empowered internally by God.

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1. Holy Spirit will teach you all things.
2. Holy Spirit will remind us what Jesus has said.
3. Holy Spirit will minister peace to our spirit

F. Empowerment therefore comes to us:

1. From God.
2. Through Holy Spirit
3. Living in our spirit.
4. Speaking rhema life to us.
5. To strengthen us.
6. As we walk in fellowship with God
7. As we walk in fellowship with others.