

THE COMFORTER

A Bible Study

1. What is the promise of the Comforter?

John 14:16-22 “And I will pray the Father, and **he shall give you another Comforter**, that **he may abide with you for ever**; Even the Spirit **of truth**; whom **the world** cannot receive, because it **seeth him not**, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and **shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.** Yet a little while, and **the world seeth me no more**; but **ye see me**: because I live, ye shall live also. **At that day** ye shall know that **I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.** He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and **I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.** Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, **Lord, how** is it that **thou wilt manifest thyself** unto us, and not unto the world?”

2. John 14:16 - Who is the Comforter?

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter (Greek: parakletos)**, that he may abide with you for ever;

1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have **an advocate (Greek: parakletos)** with the Father, **Jesus Christ the righteous.**”

3. John 14:16 - What did Christ mean by “another?”

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another** Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;”

Mark 16:12 “After that **he appeared in another form** unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.”

4. John 14:16 - Who will abide with you forever?

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may **abide with you for ever**;”

Matthew 28:20 “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, **lo, I am with you always**, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

5. John 14:16 - Did Christ ever refer to Himself as “He?”

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that **he may** abide with you for ever;”

John 10:2-4, 14-16 “**But he** that entereth in by the door **is the shepherd** of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and **the sheep hear his voice**: and **he calleth his own sheep** by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and **the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.** ... **I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.** As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: **them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice**; and there shall be one fold, and **one shepherd.**”

6. John 14:17 – Whose Spirit is the Spirit of truth?

John 14:6, 17 “**Jesus saith** unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.... Even the Spirit **of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

Galatians 2:20, 4:6 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. ... And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit **of his Son** into your hearts, **crying, Abba, Father.**”

Psalms 51:11, 139:7 “Cast me not away from **thy presence**; and take not **thy holy spirit** from me. ... Whither shall I go from **thy spirit**? or whither shall I flee from **thy presence**?”

7. John 14:18 - Does Christ come to us?

John 14:18 “I will not leave you **comfortless: I will come to you.**”

Revelation 3:20, 5:6 “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: **if** any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I will come in to him**, and will sup with him, and he **with me** ... And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood **a Lamb** as it had been slain, **having** seven horns and seven eyes, **which are** the seven Spirits of God **sent forth** into all the earth.”

8. John 14:20 - How is Christ in His Father?

John 14:10, 20 “Believest thou not that **I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak** unto you I speak not of myself: but **the Father that dwelleth in me**, he doeth the works. ... **At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father**, and ye in me, and I in you.”

John 3:34-35, 4:23-24 “For he whom God hath sent **speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him**. The Father loveth the Son, and hath **given all things into his hand**. ... But the hour cometh, and now is, when **the true worshippers shall worship the Father** in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **God is a Spirit**: and they that **worship him** must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

9. John 14:20 - Is Christ in you?

John 14:20 “**At that day** ye shall know that I am in my Father, and **ye in me, and I in you**.”

Ephesians 3:14-17 “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by **his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,”

10. John 14:21-22 - Does Christ manifest Himself?

John 14:21-22 “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and **I will love him, and will manifest myself to him**. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, **Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?**”

2 Corinthians 3:14-17 “But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which **vail is done away in Christ**. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall **turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away**. Now **the Lord is that Spirit**: and where the **Spirit of the Lord** is, there is liberty.”

11. John 14:23 – Do the Father and the Son make Their abode with us?

John 14:23, 17:23 “Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love **me**, he will keep my words: **and my Father** will love him, and **we will come** unto him, and make **our abode** with him. ... **I in them, and thou in me**, that they may be made perfect in one; and **that the world may know that thou hast sent me**, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”

Romans 8:9-11, 16-17 “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the **Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if any man **have not the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his. And

if **Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the **Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you**. ... **The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God**: And if children, then heirs; **heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

2 Corinthians 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the communion of the Holy Ghost**, be with you all. Amen.”

1 John 1:3 “That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and **truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ**.”

12. John 14:24-26 - Who is our Teacher?

John 14:24-26, 15:4 “He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, **being yet present with you**. But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things**, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. ... **Abide in me, and I in you**. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; **no more can ye, except ye abide in me**.”

1 John 2:27 “**But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you**, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as **the same anointing teacheth you of all things**, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as **it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him**.”

1 Corinthians 2:11, 16 “For **what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man** which is in him? **even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God**. ... For who hath known **the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him?** but **we have the mind of Christ**.”

Matthew 11:29, 23:8 “Take my yoke upon you, and **learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.... But be not ye called **Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ**; and all ye are brethren.”

13. John 14:27-28 – Does Christ come again to you?

John 14:27-28 “**Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you**: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. **Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you**. If ye loved me, ye would **rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father**: for my Father is greater than I.”

2 Corinthians 13:5 “**Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?**”

14. John 15:26 - Who testifies of Christ?

John 15:26 “But when **the Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the **Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me:**”

1 Peter 1:11 “Searching what, or what manner of time **the Spirit of Christ** which was in them did signify, when it **testified** beforehand the sufferings of **Christ**, and the glory that should follow.”

15. John 16:7 - Why could the Comforter not come until Christ left?

John 16:7, 20:22 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: **for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.** ... And when he had said this, he **breathed on them**, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**”

16. John 16:8-16 - How does the Spirit of truth not speak of Himself?

John 12:49, 16:8-16 “For **I have not spoken of myself; but the Father** which sent me, he **gave me a commandment**, what I should say, and **what I should speak.** ... **And when he is come, he will reprove** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because **I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;** Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: **for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:** and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. **All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I,** that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. **A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.**”

Revelation 2:18, 29 “And **unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God**, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; ... He that hath an ear, let him **hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**”

2 Corinthians 13:3 “Since ye seek a proof of **Christ speaking in me**, which to you-ward is not weak, but **is mighty in you.**”

17. John 16:19-24 – What did Christ mean by “A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?”

John 14:13-14, 16:5-6, 19-24 “And **whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.** If ye shall ask **any thing in my name, I will do it.** ... But **now I go my way to him that sent me;** and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But **because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.** ... Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, **Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?** Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. **And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing.** Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.** Hitherto have ye asked nothing **in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**”

Philippians 1:19, 4:6-7 “For I know that this shall turn to my salvation **through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,** ... Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made **known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**”

Romans 8:26-27, 34 “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit **itself maketh intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered. And **he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.** ... Who is he that condemneth? **It is Christ** that died, yea rather, that is risen again, **who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**”

18. John 16:25 - Did Christ talk about the Comforter in proverbs?

John 16:25 “**These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs:** but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.”

19. Acts 1:8 - Is the Holy Spirit both the power of Christ and the power of the Father?

Acts 1:8 “**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

2 Corinthians 12:9, 13:5 “And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that **the power of Christ may rest upon me.** ... Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?**”

Luke 1:35 “And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore** also that holy thing which shall be born of thee **shall be called the Son of God.**”

2 John 3 “Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from **the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father,** in truth and love.”

20. Acts 2:32-33 - Did Christ receive and shed forth the Holy Spirit?

Acts 2:2-4, 32-33 “And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and **it filled** all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and **it sat** upon each of them. And they were all **filled with the Holy Ghost,** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ... This **Jesus** hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and **having received of the Father** the promise of **the Holy Ghost,** he **hath shed forth this,** which ye now see and hear.”

21. Acts 5:3-4, 9 - What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?

Acts 5:3-4, 9 “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to **lie to the Holy Ghost,** and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast **not lied unto men, but unto God.** ... Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to **tempt** the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.”

Mark 3:22, 29-30 “And **the scribes** which came down from Jerusalem **said, He hath** Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils **casteth he out devils.** ... But **he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost** hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: **Because they said, He hath** an unclean spirit.”

Luke 11:20 “**But if I with the finger of God cast out devils,** no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.”

22. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 – Does the God of all comfort give us comfort through Christ?

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 “Blessed be **God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,** the Father of mercies, and the God of all

comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. **For** as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so **our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.**”

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 “**Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father,** which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, **Comfort your hearts,** and **stablish you in every good word and work.**”

Hebrews 13:20-21 “**Now the God of peace,** that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **Make you perfect in every good work** to do his will, **working in you** that which is wellpleasing in his sight, **through Jesus Christ;** to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

23. 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 – Did Paul warn us to not receive another spirit?

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 “**But I fear,** lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve **through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.** For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or **if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received,** or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, **ye might well bear with him.**”

24. Hebrews 2:18 – Who is the One that is able to help us when we are tempted?

Hebrews 2:18 “**For in that he himself hath suffered** being tempted, **he is able to succour them that are tempted.**”

John 15:5 “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that **abideth in me, and I in him,** the same bringeth forth **much fruit:** for **without me ye can do nothing.**”

Quiz:

1. **Who is the Comforter?** “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate (Greek: parakletos) with the Father, _____ the righteous:” (1 John 2:1)
2. **Whose Spirit is the Spirit of truth?** “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of _____ into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.” (Galatians 4:6)
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