

# Calvary Chapel Viewpoint

## Care Group

### Study in John

John 14:15-31

#### The Promised Counselor

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#### Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” <sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>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 have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father Rise, let us go from here.

What does Jesus say is one mark of loving Him?

How would you describe the link between obedience and love? How do they fit/work together?

Jesus talks about loving Him. How do we love God? What does that mean?

*Note: The way to become a great lover of Jesus is by learning to appreciate the greatness of His love for us. The more we grasp the significance of the cross, comprehend grace, and understand our God—and who we are in comparison—the more we will love Him. The better we get to know Him the more we will love Him.*

What are some of the ways that obedience is manifest in our lives?

What picture of the Godhead is seen in verse 16?

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever

Who is the Counselor promised in verse 16?

What do we know about the Counselor from verses 16-17?

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*Note: The Greek word translated “helper” or “counselor” is parakletos. It literally means to come alongside. It means “a person summoned to one’s aid,” and may refer to an advisor, a legal defender, a mediator, or an intercessor.*

- *Jesus calls Him “another helper.” The word “another” is the ancient Greek word “allos,” meaning “another of the same kind” not another of a different kind. The Spirit is one with the same nature as Jesus—the same in essence. They are both God.*
- *The role of the Holy Spirit is primarily to glorify Christ. John 16:13–14*

Up until this point we have only seen the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. How did He manifest Himself in that era?

What picture of the Holy Spirit does Jesus present now in relationship with believers?

What do we know about the Holy Spirit from verse 26?

<sup>26</sup> 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 have said to you.

According to verse 27 what is another element of comfort (another reason the disciples are not to be troubled) that Jesus is leaving with them? <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid

Why should the disciples be glad that Jesus is leaving them?

Who is the prince of this world and what does Jesus say about him?

Why is Jesus telling His disciples all these things in verse 29?

<sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.

Application: How does the teaching in this passage reassure you?

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