

All About Jesus Revival Seminar

#10 - Comforter and Friend

1. Thought Question: Is there anything better than Jesus?
2. John 13:33 - Jesus informs His followers, "I'm going away, and you cannot follow me"
 - a. 13:36-38 - Peter boasts loyalty unto death. Jesus counters, "By morning you will deny even knowing me"
 - b. 14:1-3 - "But don't let any of this news trouble you-all. Trust God! Trust Me! I'll be back for you-all"
 - c. 14:12 - "Meanwhile - The work I began will expand with My departure"
 - d. 14:16-18 - "In My absence, you won't be alone. I will send My personal replacement, Who will never leave you"
 - 1) Another *para-klātos* = Holy Spirit (See also 14:26; 15:26; 16:7)
 - a) *para*: (preposition) parallel, along side
 - b) *klātos*: (adjective) - a "called" one
 - 2) The original *para-klātos* - 1 John 2:1 = Jesus
 - e. 14:18-21 - "Though I am gone, I'll still be WITH you and IN you - through My Holy Spirit"
 - f. 16:7 - "You will be better off without me - and with the Holy Spirit"
3. The Holy Spirit - Better than Jesus?
 - a. Jesus' physical humanity limited Him to a local work - To be WITH Him required physical proximity
 - b. The Holy Spirit's omnipresence means the work can go global
 - c. Our relationship with Jesus is through the Holy Spirit
 - d. We can be even closer to Jesus now, than were the disciples when Jesus was physically present
4. Mystery of the Three-One
 - a. Matthew 3:16-17 - Jesus - The Spirit dove - The Father's voice
 - b. John 14:16-17 - Jesus asks the Father - who then sends the Spirit
 - c. Power of paradox - Only way FINITE minds can peak the INFINITE
 - d. The TRUTH is suspended in the TENSION between the two seemingly INCOMPATIBLE realities
 - 1) To emphasize the Three-ness over the One-ness - Truth is lost
 - 2) To emphasize the One-ness over the Three-ness - Truth is lost
5. Holy Spirit has been around since Creation - Genesis 1:1-2 (See also Job 26:11)
 - a. Holy Spirit was present throughout the Old Testament
Before the flood (Genesis 6:3), Joshua (Numbers 27:18), Othniel (Judges 3:10), Gideon (Judges 6:34), Samson (Judges 13:25; 14:6), and Saul (1 Samuel 10:9, 10), David (2 Samuel 23:2; Mark 12:36), Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:2), God's people (Ezekiel 36:27),
 - b. Holy Spirit was present in the New Testament before Jesus' baptism
John the Baptist (Luke 1:15), Mary (Matthew 1:18,20; Luke 1:35), Elizabeth (Luke 1:41), Zecharias (Luke 1:67), Simeon (Luke 2:25-27)
 - c. Holy Spirit descended and remained on Jesus at His baptism - Luke 3:21-22; John 1:32-34
(See also Isaiah 11:1-2; 42:1)
 - d. Jesus was led by the Spirit in His ministry - Luke 4:1,14,18; 10:21 - Also Matthew 4:1; Mark 1:12
 - e. Jesus promises this same Spirit to the disciples - to take His ministry global - John 14:16; Acts 1:4-5,8
 - f. Where is the Holy Spirit now? - Right here! - Came at Pentecost - Acts 2:1-4 - Here forever - John 14:15
See also: Review and Herald, March 19, 1895 - The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future; but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it.
6. Work of the Holy Spirit
 - a. Convict - to make us AWARE - John 16:7-11
 - 1) Of sin = Broken trust relationship with Jesus
 - 2) Of righteousness = Showing us Jesus
 - a) Who is righteousness personified
 - b) Whom by beholding we are transformed (2 Corinthians 3:17)
 - 3) Of judgment = Set us free from the evil one
 - b. Convert - to make us NEW - ALIVE - John 3:5-6,14-15

- c. Cleanse - to make us WHOLE and HOLY
 - 1) 1 John 1:9 - God forgives us and cleanses us - Working through His Spirit
 - 2) Titus 3:4-6 - Washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit

See also: Christ's Object Lessons, p.96 - But man cannot transform himself by the exercise of his will. He possesses no power by which this change can be effected.... The change can be made only by the Holy Spirit.... No mere external change is sufficient to bring us into harmony with God. There are many who try to reform by correcting this or that bad habit, and they hope in this way to become Christians, but they are beginning in the wrong place. Our first work is with the heart.

Desire of Ages, p.671 - Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.

- d. Complete - to make us GROW - MATURE
 - 1) Ephesians 4:7-8,11-15 - Grow up
 - 2) Galatians 5:22-23 - Bear fruit
 - 3) Christian Growth = Growth in constancy of surrender - abiding

- e. Commission - to make us USEFUL
 - 1) Luke 3:16 - Holy Spirit and fire
 - 2) Acts 1:8 - Wind and fire

See also: Review & Herald, March 31, 1910 - God's faithful messengers are to seek to carry forward the Lord's work in his appointed way. They are to place themselves in close connection with the Great Teacher, that they may be daily taught of God. They are to wrestle with God in earnest prayer for a baptism of the Holy Spirit, that they may meet the needs of a world perishing in sin.

- 3) 1 Corinthians 12:1-4 - Spiritual Gifts (Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:11-12)

a. **Levels of Spiritual Gifts**

1.	Humanly possible	Have learned to do	HS empowers
2.	Humanly possible	Have not learned to do	HS enables and empowers
3.	Humanly impossible	Cannot learn to do	HS enables and empowers

- b. **Your Unique Spiritual Shape**
 - Spiritual Gifts
 - Heart Passion
 - Natural Ability
 - Personality Type
 - Life Experience

7. Ways the Holy Spirit comes along side to help us along the way

- a. Teach - Guide
 - 1) John 14:26 - Teach us all things
 - 2) John 16:12-14 - Guide us into all truth
 - 3) Matthew 10:18-20 - Words for the moment
 - 4) Isaiah 30:21 - "This is the way, walk in it"
- b. Intercede - Commune - Romans 8:26
- c. Dwell - Live - Corinthians 3:16 - Body Temple

See also: Desire of Ages, p.122 - Through intemperance, Satan works to destroy the mental and moral powers that God gave to man as a priceless endowment. Thus it becomes impossible for men to appreciate things of eternal worth. Through sensual indulgence, Satan seeks to blot from the soul every trace of likeness to God.
- d. Abide - Stay - Forever - John 14:16-17