

HELP: We need it. God gives it. FBCS–April 25, 2010 BLB
Getting to Know the Holy Spirit

HELP: I REALLY NEED IT! John, chapters 14 - 16

...Greater works than Jesus (14:12). HOW?

Promise: "I will send you another helper": Paraclete
(Gk: *para* (beside)+ *kaleo* (to call). One to call to your side to help you.)

1. HELP, I can't do it by myself!

As COMFORTER. The Spirit brings a new oneness with the Lord.

^{14:16}And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor [*paraclete*] to be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth... You know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

In you: As close as your breath

At home with you: In the intimacy of family

2. HELP, I don't know where to begin!

As COUNSELOR the Spirit Brings effective guidance

²⁵All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Counselor [*paraclete*], the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Give you instruction

Remind you of what Jesus said

^{15:11}I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you

3. HELP, It is too hard!

As PROTECTOR the Spirit keeps us in times of difficulty

²⁶"When the Counselor [*paraclete*] comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. **16:**¹ All this I have told you so that you will not go astray... ²A time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.

Hostility: you will have trouble

Apathy: you will be tempted to give up

4. HELP, I'm not sure it will work!

As ADVOCATE the Spirit confirms our witness

⁷...Unless I go away, the Counselor [*paraclete*] will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned...The Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

He will verify that it is genuine

Of sin

Of righteousness

Of judgment

So how do I make it my own?

Pray

Obey