

THE PERSON OF THE PARACLETE OF GOD

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Εάν ἀγαπάτέ με, τὰς ἐντολὰς τὰς ἐμὰς τηρήσετε·
¹⁶ καὶ ἐρωτήσω τὸν πατέρα καὶ ἄλλον
παράκλητον δώσει ὑμῖν, ἵνα μεθ' ὑμῶν εἰς τὸν
αἰῶνα ᾦ, ¹⁷ τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς ἀληθείας, ὃ ὁ κόσμος οὐ
δύναται λαβεῖν, ὅτι οὐ θεωρεῖ αὐτὸ οὐδὲ
γινώσκει· ὑμεῖς γινώσκετε αὐτό, ὅτι παρ' ὑμῖν
μένει καὶ ἐν ὑμῖν ἔσται. ¹⁸ Οὐκ ἀφήσω ὑμᾶς
ὄρφανούς, ἔρχομαι πρὸς ὑμᾶς.

John 14:15-18 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

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0. INTRODUCTION

0.1. SPEAKING OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

- the difference from how we speak about the Father.
- the difference from how we speak about the Son.
 1. The Spirit is God, just God; his activity is the activity of God impinging directly upon the soul of man.
 2. The Spirit is the alter ego of Jesus, his second self; his activity is the activity of Jesus risen and glorified.
 3. There are three distinct (or distinguishable) centres of divine activity, Father, Son, Spirit. [COCKIN *The Holy Spirit and the Church*, p. 40-41]
- **Acts 19:2** "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."
- God "incognito" → **John 16:13** he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- Authors consulted (chiefly):

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones → the Spirit and the Word of God (Bible) [preložený: Duchovní deprese; Úvahy o kázni na vrchu]
- Jonathan Edwards → recognising the genuine work do the Spirit of God [in revival]
- Oswald Chambers → the Spirit and Jesus [To nejlepší pre jeho slávu]
- A.W.Tozer → worship [Následování Boha; Podmaněn Bohem]
- James Alexander Stewart → the Spirit and revival [preached in Czechoslovakia before WW2]
- R. A. Torrey → evangelism [Osoba a práce Ducha Svätého]
- Andrew Murray → life in Christ; prayer [Škola poslušnosti; Očekávání na Boha]

0.2. THE NEW TESTAMENT INAUGURATION OF THE SPIRIT

- Jesus promises to send the *Paraclete* as HIS representative
- the feast of Pentecost → the era of the Holy Spirit
 - He shall teach, He shall bear witness, He shall convict, He shall guide.
 - → communion; fellowship (κοινωνία πνεύματος,) → the CHURCH

0.3. WHAT IS IN THE NAME

- "PARACLETE" means personality → communication from person to person
- "PARACLETE" describes attributes → abilities; character; (equal with the Father and the Son)
- "PARACLETE" creates relationship → attitudes; hopes; expectations

1. THE MEANING OF "PARACLETE"

1.1. "ANOTHER"

- [THAYER] ἄλλος as compared with ἕτερος denotes numerical in distinction from qualitative difference; ἄλλος adds ('one besides')
- Jesus as "Paraclete" →
 - **1John 2:1** But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate (παράκλητον ἔχομεν) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
 - **Isaiah 9:6** ...his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor (יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ), Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace
- Jesus prayed for his disciples to the Father
- Jesus encouraged and comforted the disciples
- Jesus taught and guided the disciples
- Jesus equipped his disciples for ministry
- Jesus corrected disciples' errors
- Jesus defended his disciples from the enemies

1.2. TRANSLATIONS

- Advocate → spiritual warfare; enemies; accusations
- Defender → spiritual protection (the seal → **Ephesians 1:13** in him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,)
- Guide → **John 16:13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth;
- Counselor/Teacher → **1Cor 2:13** And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual
- Helper → miraculous interventions
- Comforter → **Rom 5:5** God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us
- Intercessor → Rom 8; 1Cor 14 → the gift of tongues...

2. THE MISSION OF THE PARACLETE

- **John 16:14** He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

2.1. HIS WORK IN THE BELIEVER

- experiencing God's presence → **Psalm 139:7** Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- revealing truth → Jesus and the gospel
- healing → forgiveness of sins; identity of the sons (**Rom 8:16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,)
- liberty → access to the Father in the spirit of Jesus ("Abba")
- victory over carnal desires → **Gal 5:16** ...walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh (**Rom 8:14** ...all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God)

2.2. HIS WORK THROUGH THE BELIEVER

- witnessing to Jesus → Act 1:8
- **John 16:8-11** And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning (1) sin and (2) righteousness and (3) judgment: ⁹ concerning
 - **(1)** sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning
 - **(2)** righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning
 - **(3)** judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
- power in intercession → **Rom 8:26** For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.
- help in persecution → **Mat 10:19-20** When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

3. THE PARACLETE IS "CALLED"

3.1. CALLED AND SENT BY GOD

- He was sent by Jesus → Filioque controversy
- **Luke 24:49** And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.
- **John 14:16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper)
- **Acts 2:33** Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

3.2. CALLED BY THE BELIEVER

- **Luke 11:13** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
- **Eph 5:18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit (ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι)

4. TO REMEMBER

- The Holy Spirit is God present in the world for life and salvation.
- Christian life is defined as a "walk in the Holy Spirit."
- The life in the Spirit is never closed in the past experience – it is always open to new operations of the omnipotent Spirit of God.