

Morning Sermon January 20, 2019
"The Spirit of Truth" John 14:16-17

I. What Jesus prays for we should not ignore –

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- (John 14:16 NKJ)

1. Felt needs vs real needs, we absolutely NEED the Spirit of Truth

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A. Jesus prays the Father, that He, the Father, will give us another Helper

We need help from God, this is a fact worth repeating–

Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless. (Psalm 60:11 NKJ)

Give us help from trouble, for the help of man is useless. (Psalm 108:123 NKJ)

B. We NEED Jesus, the Father, the Spirit type of help, Divine help –
The Greek word used here translated "another" is ἄλλος allos {al'-los} it means "another" of the SAME KIND.

There are two Greek words that mean "another" the other is heteros -
"Two different Greek words can be translated "another"—allos and heteros. Allos, used here, means another of the same kind, while heteros means another of a different kind." Vines Expository Dictionary

A hetero-sexual is someone who is attracted to someone the same, human beings, but different – male & female!

When Jesus calls the Spirit another – allos He is saying the Holy Spirit is the same kind of Helper Jesus is meaning (1) Divine (2) A Teacher of Truth ...

2. The Spirit as a Helper, abides with us, forever –
that He may abide with you forever—

A. Jesus in His humanity, bodily could not be with us this way, limited to the first century, to Israel, and only to one town or place at a time

B. The Spirit and Jesus now, spiritually are not so limited –
... and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.
(Matthew 28:20 NKJ)

3. Just as Jesus prayed for us that we would have the Spirit, so He instructs us to pray –

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"
(Luke 11:9-13 NKJ)

II. We need the Spirit as the Spirit of Truth –
"the Spirit of truth, ... (John 14:17 NKJ)

1. As the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit is just like Jesus –

Both Jesus and the Spirit tell us the TRUTH about ourselves, even the hard truth, we are sinners, we fall short, even as believers we need HELP with the truth, we need to face the truth -

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, `These things says **the Amen**, the Faithful and **True Witness**, the Beginning of the creation of God: ¹⁵ "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷ "Because you say, `I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'-- and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked-- ¹⁸ "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. ¹⁹ "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. ²⁰ "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ²² "He who has an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.**"'" (Revelation 3:14-22 NKJ)

In Revelation 3, Jesus is the Amen and True Witness, He tells the Laodiceans the sad truth about their Luke warmness, but it is also the Spirit saying these things - The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty. (Psalm 29:4 NKJ)

2. *As the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit works with the Word of truth both save and sanctify us –*

A. *The New Birth is a work of God's Spirit and His Word, Scripture*

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" Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (John 3:3-6 NKJ)

B. *Life and salvation come when the Spirit enables us to understand God's Word / Truth –*

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life. (Jn. 6:63 NKJ)

having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because "All flesh *is* as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, ²⁵ But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. (1 Peter 1:23-25 NKJ)

C. *The salvation which is started by the New Birth is continued by sanctification, which again is a Word – Spirit thing –*

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (John 17:17 NKJ)

The Spirit of Truth helps us understand the Word of truth!

III. The ungodly world doesn't know the Spirit of Truth –

"the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; ... (John 14:17 NKJ)

1. *They believe in evolution, millions of years, not creation, not six days –*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1 NKJ)

¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them ... (Exodus 20:11 NKJ)

2. *They don't want to believe Jesus about their own sin –*

"You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. (John 8:44 NKJ)

A. *They are children of the father of lies and so blinded to God's truth –*

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. (2 Corinthians 4:3-4 NKJ)

The ungodly are by a different spirit led, though they may walk they walk as dead - ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, (Ephesians. 2:2 NKJ)

B. *They murder and commit all other kinds of sin because they don't believe the truth about our creation -*

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:26-27 NKJ)

IV. But we know Him –

"the Spirit of truth, ... but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (John 14:17 NKJ)

that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:12-14 NKJ)

1. *He is with us, on our side – Romans 8:26*

2. *He is in us, intimate, powerful, changing us from the inside out – 1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6:19*