

Gospel of John
[Jesus and the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-26)]

→“Where I am going you cannot come right now.” (13:33, 36)

→Jesus is going to the Father (14:1-3).

→Jesus is the way to the Father (14:4-6).

→Jesus is one with the Father (14:7-14). They resemble each other (vs. 7-9). They indwell each other (vs. 10, 11). They cooperate with each other (vs. 12-14)

Jesus Promises the Gift of the HS (vs. 15-26)

-Five Paraclete Passages in John (14: :15-17; 14:25, 26; 15:26, 27; 16:7-11; 16:12-15; see also 1 John 2:1) These five passages build on previous references to the HS in the gospel of John (1:32-34; 3:5, 34; 4:23, 24; 7:37-39) and they anticipate the reference in 20:22, 23.

-Connection of v. 15 to Previous Verses:

-v. 16: παράκλητος (paraklatos) “Helper” “Comforter” “Counselor” “Advocate” (1 John 2:1)

-v. 18: Coming = resurrection (20:19, 26; 14:19)? gift of the HS (context)? parousia (Acts 1:11; Rev. 22:20)?

-v. 20: in that day (see 16:16, 20, 22, 23; cf. 14:13, 14)

-vs. 21-23 look back to v. 15; v. 23 explains the nature of the disclosure mentioned in v. 21; the HS brings about this spiritual union

-vs. 25, 26: The HS will teach the apostles all things, and bring Jesus’ words to their remembrance (John 2:19-22; 12:16). See also Matt. 10:18-20 Mark 13:11 Luke 21:12-15, 24:49.

Practical Lessons

1) Love for Christ is demonstrated by obedience to His word.

2) The spiritual union of the believer with God is brought about through the gift of the HS.