



The person and presence of the Holy Spirit

John 14

In the upper room.....

Jesus disciples are 'troubled'(14.1) with the events that are happening and the words that Jesus is using(16.25 & 29).

Jesus is anxious to get across his final message(14.25) but recognises that they will not understand just yet (14.26) because it full of statements that seem contradictory(for example - 14.28, 16.16)

What is the message?

16.28 'I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.'

14.18 'I will not leave you as orphans'

14.16 'And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth...'

16.7 '...it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.'

So, who is this ‘helper’?

‘Allos Parakletos’

‘counsellor’ (NIV)

‘helper’ (ESV and GNB)

‘comforter’ (AV)

‘advocate’ (NEB)

One who is called alongside to help.

Jesus makes the point that the paraklete is ‘of the same type’, in Martin Luther’s words ‘*alter Christus*’

Why should we not be troubled?

The Helper is coming to dwell with you and in you forever!
(14.16-17).

This is kingdom teaching! Remember that the Messiah (Anointed One) has the job of bringing about the restoration of the tabernacle / temple (the place where God dwells)
Exodus 29.45

The remarkable thing here that God is going to dwell with us and in us! (14.17) and that through the work of the Holy Spirit we are to become God's dwelling place. Ephesians 2.18-22

Why should we not be troubled?

The Helper is our teacher (14.26)

1. in the work of bringing us to Christ (16.8-10)
2. in the on-going revelation of the truth of Jesus(16.13-15)
3. in initially inspiring the apostles to recall the words of Jesus (14.26), to preach them (1Cor. 2.8-16) and then to write them down as inspired. (2Peter1.12-21)

Why should we not be troubled?

The Holy Spirit is the bringer of peace (14.27). This is a major aspect of his work.

Paul explains this in detail in Romans 8, see for example, v6&15

Jesus leaves us with 2 supernatural truths

‘I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.’ (16.33)

‘take heart; I have overcome the world.’ (16.33)