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OUR PARACLETE

In John 14:16-17 Jesus said that the Father would send another Comforter who shall be with us, and even within us. Jesus was saying that the comforter that he had been, would go away but would be replaced by the Comforter who is the Holy Spirit. At salvation the Holy Spirit comes and dwells within us. He is now our Comforter.

The Greek word for Comforter is parakletos, meaning paraclete. A paraclete is one who sides with us as our advocate. He can be like a lawyer who speaks in court on our behalf. The Holy Spirit works with Jesus as our advocate with the Father.

The Holy Spirit has always been a part of the trinity and dwelt on certain people before Pentecost under the Old Testament dispensation. Now all believers have Him dwell within them.

We pray to the Father in Jesus' name, but we also can talk to the Holy Spirit. John 16:13 tells us He guides us into all truth, but we must have ears to hear from Him.

Revelation 2:7; 2:11; 3:29; 3:6; 3:13; 3:22 says in the NKJV, ***“He who has an ear, let him hear what the [Holy] Spirit says to the churches [all believers].”*** The Holy Spirit communicates to us through our human spirit by bringing His thoughts into our mind. Just as the tempter [Satan] brings thoughts of evil into our minds, the Holy Spirit brings righteous thoughts into our minds. His thoughts are thoughts of peace for us and accomplishes the Father's works through us. He is our paraclete, Comforter, Advocate, and our Anointing. He empowers us to do Jesus' works (John 14:12).