

**Men's Bible Study**  
**John 16**  
**March 25, 2009**

*Quick review...*

- Marching to the cross
  - o John 12:1-8 and the anointing
  - o John 12:23-28 a clear pronouncement of purpose (also 13:1; see contrast in 7:5 & 8)
- The message of service and call to love (John 13)
- *The foretelling of the Holy Spirit's coming and service* (14:16-17, 25-26; 15:26)
- The final two "I AM" statements (John 14:6 and 15:1)
- All the "signs" were completed in chapter 11 w/ Lazarus

Chapter 16

The fact of suffering for the follower of Jesus is made clear (15:18-25; 1-5)  
(see James 1 and 1 Peter 4:12-19)

## The amazing gift of the Holy Spirit

For the disciples there has been no good news. Jesus is talking about all kinds of suffering and His going away and they have nothing to hold on to (16:1-6); they have nothing left to hope in and they have left everything. This message of promise of the coming Holy Spirit...this advocate, this revealer, this guide is not only welcome but "comforting"

Jesus makes it clear that it is for our/their best interest that He leaves and this "ONE" comes to us (7)

## Defining the “Helper” (*parakletos*)

1. One “called in to help”
2. One who “supports”
3. One who gives “help” (see also Hebrews 13:6 & Psalm 118:6-7; Psalm 54:4)
4. Asked for by Jesus (14:16)
5. “Flowing out of”; “emerging from”; “sent” (15:26; 14:25)

The often-used term “comforter” is really without much supporting evidence; the comfort given is the leading of the Spirit to the fullness, provision and glory of the Father

What does the Holy Spirit do?

1. Abides with and dwells in (14:17)
2. Teaches followers of Jesus (14:26)
3. Reminds, brings to mind (14:26)
4. Tells the story of Jesus; witness (15:26, also 16:14)
5. Convicts the **world** (16:8-11) which is to expose, to refute, reprove
  - a. About the self focused, self dependent life (sin)
  - b. About the God-centered, God honoring life (righteousness)
  - c. About the fact that life and its choices matter (judgment)
6. Leader, teacher and guide into *truth* (16:13)
7. Dependent (16:13b)
8. He declares/heralds what is to come (16:13b)
9. He “makes much of Jesus” (16:14)
10. He announces to us, brings to us what Jesus has for us which is what the Father has designed, called and gifted us for (16:14)

Primary mode of revelation: Ephesians 6:17b; 1 Peter 1:20-21

## The Holy Spirit outside of John

1. Acts...primarily gave evidence to the present work of Jesus among a people group as well as empowering leaders and followers alike (see Hebrews 2:1-4)
2. Romans 8...He is the very power and source of living life as a follower of Jesus
3. 1 Corinthians...the One who gives to each follower the abilities/ "gifts" from the Father for the bigger work of God's purpose and plan (12)
4. Galatians...the source of "fruit" (5:22)
5. Ephesians...the "down-payment" of our security for eternity; that which controls us (13-14; 5:18)
6. Revelation...the bearer of Messages to the Church (2-3)