

“THE HELPER - Part V” (John 15:18-27)

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INTRO: God has given us a personal Helper who wants to Help us be and do all God wants us to be and do – the Holy Spirit.

I. THE WORLD WILL HATE YOU BECAUSE OF JESUS (vv. 18-25).

- A. Being the world hated Jesus; the world will also hate those who follow Jesus (v. 18; 1Jn. 2:15-16; Ja. 4:4; Rom. 12:2).
1. We should be more concerned about loving God and being loved by God than loving the world and being loved by the world.
- B. We were chosen out of the world’s system to live by kingdom of God principles, which is why the world hates us (v. 19).
1. Do you process life and live from a worldly perspective or a kingdom perspective?
- C. If they persecuted Jesus, they will persecute the followers of Jesus (v. 20; Matt. 10:24-25).
1. The more we live like Jesus, the more likely we will be persecuted (2Tim. 3:12).
 2. Don’t expect a rapture to exempt you from persecution!
- D. The world will persecute us because they do not know God, although they may claim to (v. 21).
1. Be sure if you are persecuted that it is for Christ’s name’s sake and not because of carnal living!
- E. Because Jesus came and spoke the truth, those who heard the truth were now accountable for that truth (v. 22).
1. The more we hear and know, the more accountable we are (Rom. 1:20-21; Lk. 12:48).
- F. It is a deception to assume that one can love God while rejecting Jesus’ divinity (v. 23)!
1. This is why Judaism and other religions can’t provide the way to a right relationship with God.
 2. Any religion that denies Christ’s deity is false and can’t therefore provide salvation (Jn. 14:6).
- G. Again, hearing what they heard [the words of Jesus] and seeing what they saw [the works of Jesus] made them more accountable (v. 24).
1. One is not guilty of sin against a law until that law is first established.
 2. Jesus isn’t saying that they have no sin, but that they are particularly guilty of the sin of rejecting Him as Messiah.
- H. There is no acceptable or justifiable cause for rejecting Jesus (v. 25; Ps. 69:4, 9, 21)!

II. BUT WHEN THE HELPER COMES (vv. 26-27).

- A. The Helper, the Spirit of truth, proceeds from the Father because the Helper is His Spirit and testifies of Jesus (v. 26).
1. The Helper in Jn. 14-16 (14:16-17, 26; 15:26-27; 16:13).
 2. A true Holy Ghost meeting is a meeting where Jesus is exalted, not man or even the Holy Spirit (Rev. 19:10)!
- B. Just as the Holy Spirit bears witness and testifies of Jesus (v. 26), so should Jesus’ followers bear witness of Jesus because of their personal experience with Jesus and the empowerment of the Helper (v. 27).
1. To what degree do you bear witness of Jesus – your life and your words?

CONCLUSION: God has given us the Helper – the Holy Spirit, to help us be and do all God wants us to be and do. Expect the world will hate you because it hates Jesus (vv. 18-25), but the Helper wants to guide you into truth, testify of Jesus, and empower us to testify of Jesus (vv. 26-27).