

“THE HELPER - Part VI” (John 16:1-15)

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INTRO: God has given us a personal Helper (Holy Spirit) to Help us be and do all God wants us to be and do.

JOHN 16: MORE HELP FROM THE HELPER.

A. Persecution is Coming (vv. 1-4; 15:18-25).

1. Jesus wants us to be prepared for persecution so we don't stumble in our faith (vv. 1-2; Matt. 13:20-21).
 - a. How sad to be persecuted by professors of faith!
 - b. This shows great deception and is common today.
 - c. This was true of Saul before he became Paul (Acts 7:57 – 8:3; 22:3-4; 26:10-11).
2. Christians are persecuted by those who don't know [truthfully] God the Father or Jesus (15:21).
3. They didn't need to know this earlier (v. 4).
 - a. They would now be prepared when this came.

B. Jesus is Leaving but the Helper is Coming (vv. 5-15).

1. Jesus again reminds them that He is going away to His Father which resulted in their hearts being filled with sorrow (vv. 5-6).
 - a. They were no longer asking Jesus where He was going (v. 6; 14:4-5; 13:36-37). They should have.
2. Jesus encouraged them by telling them that it was to their advantage for Him to go away, because it would lead to the Helper being sent to dwell in them (v. 7).
3. The Helper convicts the world of sin [unbelief] (8-9).
4. The Helper convicts the world of righteousness (10).
5. The Helper will convict the world of judgment (v. 11).
6. Jesus had many things to say to them, but they couldn't bear them at that time (v. 12).

•Can you bear everything Jesus has to say to you?

7. With the coming of the Helper, they would be finally able to receive what Jesus had to say to them (v. 13).
8. The Helper is the Spirit of truth and will guide you into all truth and show you things to come (v. 13).
9. The Helper also takes what is Jesus' and declares it to us (vv. 14-15).
 - a. The Helper came on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4).

OVERVIEW OF THE DAY OF PENTECOST (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 8; 2:1-4):

1. An endowment of power from on high (Lk. 24:49).
2. The promise of the Father – the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5).
3. Power to be Christ's witnesses (Acts 1:8).
4. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues (Acts 2:1-4).

OVERVIEW OF THE “HELPER” VERSES IN JOHN 14-16:

1. 14:16-18 – abide with you forever; Spirit of truth.
2. 14:26 – teach us all things and bring Jesus' words to our remembrance.
3. 15:26 – the Spirit of truth testifies of Jesus.
4. 16:7 – more advantageous than Jesus in the flesh.
5. 16:13 – guides us into truth and speaks what He hears in heaven.
6. 16:14-15 – glorifies Jesus by taking what is His [and the Father's] and declaring it to us.

CONCLUSION: Persecution is coming, so be ready. God has given us a personal Helper who wants to help us be and do all that God wants us to be and do.

•Let's invite the Helper to fill us afresh this morning!