

The Holy Spirit - Our Help in Obedience

John 14:15-17 (The Holy Spirit Discourses of John 14-16 Series #1)

Context: This passage shows up in the Farewell Discourse of Jesus in John (13-20). These words are instructions for all of Jesus' disciples before he went to the cross. In John 14-16, Jesus specifically teaches on the Holy Spirit.

In striving to obey the commands of Jesus...

A. _____ the link of love (vs. 15)

1. God's people obey Jesus because they love Him. God's people obey Jesus because He loves them. The New Testament speaks of the Love of Jesus as the primary motivator for obedience. (See 2 Corinthians 5:14, Galatians 2:20, Romans 5:6-8, Ephesians 3:19)
2. 1 John 5:3 (ESV) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

B. _____ the help of the Holy Spirit (vs. 16a)

1. The greek word for "helper" is "paraclete" - a comforter, a counselor, defender, assistant, one who comes alongside.
2. The Holy Spirit is our Helper in Christian obedience.
 - a) He sticks with us (16-17)
 - b) He teaches us (26)
 - c) He helps us remember Jesus' teaching (26)

C. _____ the security of Holy Spirit (vs. 16b-17)

1. The two words in this passage that you want to mark out and meditate on are the words "forever" and "dwell." The word for "dwell" in verse 17, or "Abide" in some translations has to do with His permanent residence in believers. (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19)
2. Ephesians has two passages that reinforce the truth of the Holy Spirit never departing from us: Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV) mentions that we are "sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory." Ephesians 4:30 says, "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."