

The Holy Spirit our Paraclete

The Greek word "Paraclete" signifies "called to one's side".

In our Bibles it is translated as Advocate, Counselor, Comforter, Helper

We read the following quote from Tim Keller's book Encounters with Jesus on the role of the Holy Spirit:

"Many people say that the Holy Spirit gives us power, and that's true, but how does he do that?

Does he merely zap us with higher energy levels?

No—by calling him the other Advocate [or Helper], Jesus has given us the great clue to understanding how the empowering of the Holy Spirit works.

The first Advocate [Jesus] is speaking to God for you, but the second Advocate [the Holy Spirit] is speaking to you for you."

In other words, the Holy Spirit was sent to remind us about Christ and empower us to live in light of the Gospel.

Here are a few ways that the Holy Spirit "speaks" to us both for our good and God's glory:

He dwells with us and will be in us.

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 14:15-18

He reminds us about all that Jesus has taught.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 14:26

He is a personal witness to testify about Christ.

But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

John 15:26

He convicts us of sin.

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment

John 16:8

He guides us to truth.

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 16:13

He brings glory to Jesus.

He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

John 16:14