

The Helper, Wholly God 2019-11-03

John 14:12-18

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

1st time in John Jesus informs disciples of Holy Spirit.

- Misunderstanding/confusion then/now. Not force/it, scary: Holy GHOST.
 - Holy Spirit is God who indwells all Christians to empower them for great works for glory of God. John 14:11, 16-18, 6, Acts 5:3-4, Matthew 28:19

Holy Spirit is God....Jesus instructing them on essence/nature of the Trinity.

- Holy Spirit is no less God than Father or Jesus Christ...3rd member of Trinity (trinity).
 - 1 undivided being, yet 3 persons. Each completely & fully God
 - Jesus/Holy Spirit equal in deity to Father, but subordinate in roles.
- For time, Jesus primary manifestation of Trinity among us.
 - Jesus main purpose: Purchase our redemption on cross.
 - Holy Spirit now primary manifestation of presence of Trinity.

Holy Spirit indwells all Christians. ...Moment repent & receive salvation: Holy Spirit comes to live within. John 14:17, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 John 4:13, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:4

- Indwelling Holy Spirit changes us on most basic level. In an act of God's grace, He re-makes our very souls....new birth or born again.
 - Not just get something not have: became someone not before!
 - Dead>alive, guilty>forgiven, enemy>friend
 - Scriptural identity now saint not sinner. 1 Corinthians 1:2
- Nothing could be more intimate/humbling than Holy Spirit indwelling a Christian.
 - Christians never alone: inside dwells infinite comfort/care in person of Holy Spirit.
 - *Parakletos* = someone called in to help in time of need.
- Not result of anything you've done, all God's doing/grace. Titus 3:5

Better than Jesus physical presence w/them will be His Spirit in them enabling disciples & Christians to do works Jesus did & even greater. John 14:12, 16, 18

- Jesus absence makes possible the "greater works".
 - Father gave Me to you (1st Helper) & now Father will give Holy Spirit to you (Another helper) to continue work Jesus did.

Works Jesus did: words/deeds that glorify God & help people believe in Jesus Christ

- “Whoever believes” describing normal Christian life....not just super/mature Christians
 - Teach/Word, obey/Father, demo Father’s love/mercy, maybe miracles.

Greater not “more miraculous” than Jesus did (impossible) but collectively greater:

- # physical miracles....Melanie healing, ask Prince Paul.
 - No “greater work/miracle” than salvation of lost.
- geographic extent: entire globe all the time thru every means.
 - Ghana school
- who God uses to achieve them....Jesus vs Pastor Dan share Gospel

Abiding in “true Vine (next week) & dependence on Helper thru prayer are keys for doing “greater things”. *John 14:13-14, James 4:2-3, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Epesiansh 2:10 & 3:20*

- Jesus promise pretty much unlimited but not “name it/claim it”.
 - All Christians who desire glorify God (objective) can ask for whatever need (extent) to do God’s will (consistent w/Jesus character/will) & Jesus give it.

Promise sure because...Holy Spirit who is God indwells all Christians empowering them for great works that glorify Him.