



The Holy Spirit Your Helper

2 Corinthians 13:14

EFCA Statement of Faith, Article One, God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

Sermon Question:

Do you know the triune God; God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit?

The apostle Paul would have you experience the triune God in three ways.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)

Experience the Love of God the Father

Experience the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

Experience the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Read It!

Read John 14:15-27

Open It!

Think of a time when you felt all alone. What did you do?

Consider It!

The disciples were troubled and fearful about the future (14:1). What troubling statements had Jesus made (John 13)?

- 13:10
- 13:18, 21
- 13:33
- 13:36-38

What did Jesus say to calm their fears (14:15-18)?

What do we learn from the two ways Jesus describes the Holy Spirit (14:16-17)? Note: The term Paraclete (παράκλητος) refers to someone who comes alongside to help as an encourager, comforter, or advocate.

What kind of help is the Holy Spirit to those who follow Christ?

Jesus promised that his disciples would enjoy a relationship God's Spirit that is both *permanent* (14:16) and *intimate* (14:17). How might this truth encourage you when you feel alone in life?

What else did Jesus reveal about the work of the Holy Spirit (14:25-26)?

What additional promises does Jesus give his followers (14:18, 27)? How do our anxious thoughts, worries and concerns hinder us from experiencing the help of the indwelling Holy Spirit?

Live It!

What have you learned about the Holy Spirit your helper?

How will believing these truths strengthen your faith?

Which promise made by Jesus did you need to hear? Why?

Daily Prayer

Heavenly Father, make me aware of the presence and power of your Spirit in my life, so that I may know you better, the grace of Christ fuller, and become a reservoir of blessing to others for your glory. Amen.