

The Paraclete

The Unsung God Series – Part 1

Scripture text – John 14-16
(selected passages)

Introduction

- Compared to the Father & Son, the Holy Spirit is often _____ or marginalized.
- Reasons to look forward to this series:
 - 1) For many Christians, the Holy Spirit is an _____.
 - 2) We want the Spirit's _____ in our lives & church.

The Final Discourse

- This is the sermon Jesus preached to his disciples the night before his _____.
- The disciples are _____ because Jesus has told them of his imminent _____ and return to heaven.
- The purpose of the sermon is to _____ & _____ them.
- Jesus tells his disciples they needn't worry or be afraid because the Father is sending the Holy Spirit. In the course of the sermon, he says this _____ times.

Disclosure #1

- Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as _____.
- “Counselor” is a poor translation. The Greek word is _____, of which there is no corresponding English word.
- *Paraclete* literally means _____.
- The Holy Spirit is “another” *paraclete*. The disciples' first *paraclete* was _____.

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- Jesus said the Holy Spirit would be an even better *paraclete* because he would be _____ them. This implies an even _____ relationship. Jesus is promising a paracetical relationship with _____ attached.
- This is great news only for believers who are truly on _____ for God. For others, it can be _____ to think of anyone being that close.

Disclosure #2

- This tells us something about the Holy Spirit's _____ in the _____.
- The idea is that he will turn the _____ on the world. As the world _____ Jesus, so the Holy Spirit will _____ the world for its moral & spiritual bankruptcy.
- His prosecution is intended to lead to the recognition of a need for _____, along with _____ in Jesus Christ.
- RA Torrey: "The sin of _____ is the most difficult of all sins of which to convince men."
- This is the supreme sin of which an unbeliever must _____. All the sins behind that, the Holy Spirit will take care of through the process of _____.

"He Will Testify"

- Another reason the Holy Spirit is the "unsung God" is because his ministry is to shine the light on _____.
- Our role is to _____ up Christ; it's the Holy Spirit's role to illuminate his _____.

Discussion Questions

1. Are you excited or unnerved about having the Holy Spirit living inside you?
2. What sin has the Holy Spirit been convicting you of recently?

Who's Who in Today's Message

RA Torrey (1856-1912) – a pastor, evangelist, author and educator. Torrey was a close associate of Dwight Moody and played a key role in the founding of both Moody Bible College & Biola University. He also wrote one of the classic books on the Holy Spirit.