

# CLOTHED WITH POWER 3

## The Paraclete

→ *Quick Recap: What do you remember from the first 2 parts of this series?*

### JESUS' DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT (John 16:7)

- \* To Jesus' disciples, that must have seemed a BIZARRE statement.
  - \* But, unless I GO AWAY, the Counsellor CANNOT come.
  - \* At that moment you have ME & I am at work WITH you, AROUND you & FOR you.
  - \* When the Holy Spirit comes, He will do things IN you & THROUGH you, shifting you into a completely new PARADIGM.
- *Why would Jesus' announcement have seemed 'bizarre?' How did He say they'd be better off without Him?*

### JOHN'S DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (John 14-16)

1. The Holy Spirit is a GIFT (John 14:16).
  2. To be WITH you FOREVER (John 14:16).
  3. He is the Spirit of TRUTH (John 14:17).
  4. The World cannot ACCEPT Him, SEE Him or KNOW Him (John 14:17).
  5. But you KNOW Him (John 14:17).
  6. He lives WITH you and will be IN you (John 14:17).
  7. Jesus and the Spirit are ONE (John 14:18).
  8. He will TEACH you all things (John 14:26).
  9. He will REMIND you of everything I've told you (John 14:26).
  10. He will TESTIFY about JESUS (John 15:26).
  11. The Holy Spirit is the CONVICTOR (John 16:8).
  12. He will GUIDE you into all truth (John 16:13).
  13. He will tell what is YET TO COME (John 16:13).
  14. He will bring GLORY to JESUS (John 16:14).
- *Have you really received the Gift? How often are you aware of / do you consider His presence?*
- *Why can the world not accept or see or know Him? Why does the church sometimes have the same problem?*
- *How do you get to 'know' Him?*
- *What are the implications of the fact that the Son & the Spirit are one?*
- *How does He teach you? How does He remind you? How does He show you what is yet to come?*
- *How does He testify about and bring glory to Jesus?*
- *Why can we relax once we realise He is the Convictor and we don't have to be? How does that affect how we minister to people?*

### PARAKLETOS

No SINGLE English word quite CAPTURES it.  
Greek: KLETOS from 'kaleo' = To CALL + PARA = BESIDE  
Literally, the One CALLED ALONGSIDE TO HELP.

John 14:16 (AMP) → ... *He will give you another Comforter (Counsellor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever.*

#### 1. COMFORTER

- \* REASSURANCE, the One who UNDERSTANDS, is WITH me & FOR me.

→ *What does it mean to say that He is our Comforter? Does that mean we can always expect Him to make us comfortable?*

#### 2. COUNSELLOR

- \* One who gives timely, judicious, applicable WISDOM.
- \* He leads you to ANSWERS, fresh INSIGHTS clear PERSPECTIVES.
- \* How amazing to have CONTINUAL ACCESS to the wisdom of heaven.

→ *What does a human counsellor do? What does the divine Counsellor do? Is there a difference? Is there an overlap?*

#### 3. HELPER

- \* Someone who assists you in a HARD TASK.

→ *"Why would we stubbornly dig our heels in and refuse / ignore / reject His help when we could go so much further & faster with it?" Discuss!*

#### 4. ADVOCATE

- \* Great news: You don't need to deal with anything ALONE.

→ *What does an advocate do and how does the Spirit play that role for us?*

#### 5. STANDBY

- \* Nothing is too HARD if you're aware of Whom you CARRY.

→ *How might your expectation / behaviour / boldness change if you really knew He was always 'standing by?'*

#### 6. STRENGTHENER

- \* Your personal WEAKNESS is not the END, but an extraordinary OPPORTUNITY (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

→ *"Your personal weakness / lack / insufficiency is not the end, not paralysing, doesn't need to be the limit on your outcome, but is instead a tremendous opportunity to start to live enduo dunamis." Discuss!*

### RESPONSE

→ *Which one of those six is He to you? Which one of those do you most need right now?*