

Another Helper

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John 14:16 (ESV)

And I will ask the Father, and HE will give you Another Helper, **Para/klē/tos**, to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth.

Jesus will soon be returning to God the Father. Jesus wants to reassure HIS disciples that HE is not abandoning them nor is HE abandoning us. Therefore, HE is going to send “Another Helper” to be with them and us forever. The word “Another” is significant and literally means another of the same kind.

Thus, Jesus will send a Helper equal to Himself. The original Greek word for Helper is Para/klē/tos which means “called to one’s side” serving as an aid, advisor, a legal advocate, a mediator, or intercessor. There is not an English word that captures the meaning. Therefore, this word has been translated as Helper, Advocate, Comforter, Counselor trying to capture the full meaning. The NIV uses Advocate.

None of these terms satisfactorily represents the meaning of *paraklētos*. Therefore, some people prefer to leave it untranslated. *Paraklētos* is found four times in the Gospel of John and once in the First John, but nowhere else in the NT. In the Gospel of John *paraklētos* describes the Holy Spirit to be sent to the disciples after Jesus’ return to the Father. However, in 1 John *paraklētos* refers to Jesus Himself as our advocate. Therefore, it is not surprising Jesus described the Holy Spirit as ‘another’ *paraklētos*, like Himself.

This *paraklētos* is the Spirit of truth; a gift to each believer.

John 14:17 (NIV)

The world cannot accept the Spirit of truth, this Para/klē/tos, the Helper, because it neither sees HIM nor knows HIM. But you know HIM, for HE lives with you and will be in you.

The disciples have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit by being associated with Jesus. But after Jesus ascends into heaven, the Holy Spirit will come and indwell the disciples and ultimately all those who believe in Jesus. This Para/klē/tos creates a divine union with God and man.

John 14:20 (ESV)

In that day you will know that I am in MY Father, and you in ME, and I in you.

The coming of the Spirit, this *paraklētos*, will bring the reality of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to indwell the disciples and us and thus create a new intimate relationship between God and believers.

John 14:23 (ESV)

Jesus says, “If anyone loves ME, he will keep MY word, and MY Father will love him, and WE will come to him and make OUR home with him.”

The “WE” is the totality of the Trinity. By the coming of the Holy Spirit, this *paraklētos*— the Father and the Son will also make their “home” with believers.

When God the Father gives ‘another’ *paraklētos*, the Holy Spirit, HE will bring us into the realm of HIS kingdom, the supernatural.

John 14:26 (ESV)

But the Helper, (**Para/klē/tos**), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in MY NAME, HE will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Jesus our Para/klē/tos has sent us ‘another’ Para/klē/tos, the Spirit of truth. This Para/klē/tos, the Holy Spirit will impress the commandments of Jesus on our hearts, bring HIS teachings to our minds, and move on our behalf. This is what the Apostle Paul meant in Gal.5:18, “If you are led by the Spirit you have no need of the Law.” We are not under the Law because the Para/klē/tos is guiding us. Therefore, just before Jesus ascended to heaven, HE told HIS disciples:

Acts 1:4 (ESV)

Jesus ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, “You heard from me.”

The Promise of the Father for which they were waiting was the Spirit of truth, ‘Another’ Para/klē/tos just like Jesus!

From the very beginning of the church, this was fully understood to accompany our salvation.

Acts 2:38 (ESV)

Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of Holy Spirit, **Para/klē/tos.**”

We know that when we accept Jesus as our Savior that we are sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13 (ESV)

When you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

Although we are sealed, it is our decision and responsibility to be filled with the Holy Spirit and live by HIS power.

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)

Be filled with the Spirit!

The present tense of the verb *points to a continuous replenishment: Literally, "Go on being filled!"* Logically, this comes from walking with Jesus and continually seeking HIM. Like a marriage we need to always pay attention, keep the fire burning, and do not let the flame die out! It is a living relationship.

2 Timothy 1:6 (ESV)

For this reason I remind you to "fan into flame" the gift of God, which is in you!

Being filled with the Holy Spirit, this Para/klē/tos, is not difficult. Love Jesus and other believers and then ask for the Holy Spirit to fill you. The Bible says, "Ask in every situation!"

Luke 11:13 (ESV)

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, "how much more" will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit, **Para/klē/tos**, to those who ASK HIM!

Brothers and sisters ask. We covered in the blood, we are forgiven, so ask!

**The magnitude of God's love for us and the power available to us is unimaginable because Jesus sent 'Anther' Para/klē/tos!
Therefore, Ask!**

All things are ours through Jesus Christ.

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Let us Ask! Come Holy Spirit Come!