

Another Comforter Like Jesus

And I will pray to the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may remain with you forever, the Spirit of truth – whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him, or know Him – but you know Him, for He dwells with you, and shall be in you. (John 14:16-17)

This word translated as “Comforter” is extremely difficult to translate into English. In case you don’t know, the New Testament was written in Greek, and Comforter is the Greek word **parakletos**. If you grew up in a traditional church you might have heard the Holy Spirit described as the Paraclete. This is where that word comes from.

(1) Para: meaning near, beside, or alongside. It’s the source of words such as paralysis, parathyroid, paralegal and paramedic; and:

(2) Kaleo: which means to call, or call someone’s name. **Kletos** is a form of the word that means someone you are calling.

So then **parakletos** is someone who has been called to come alongside you. It’s a beautiful picture, and because it’s so hard to translate, English Bibles will show it in a variety of ways: Comforter, Advocate, Helper, Encourager, Intercessor and Counselor. It even means a defense attorney, someone who represents you in court!

The Spirit has come to be *allos parakletos*.

Let's learn a little more Greek. Jesus said the Father would give us "another Comforter" when He left. What did he mean by that? He was saying that the Spirit is someone just like Him. See, in Greek, there are two different words for the word "another."

Heteros: It means another of a different kind.

Allos: This word means another, but another of the same kind.

Ten Ministries of the Spirit, as revealed by Jesus

1. He empowers us to do the supernatural works of Jesus

Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father. (John 14:12)

2. He strengthens us through His Presence

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever... (John 14:16)

3. He is the Teacher

...He shall teach you all things... (John 14:26)

4. He quickens your faith through the Word

...He shall... bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)

5. He testifies of Christ

But when the Comforter has come... He shall testify of me; and you shall bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.: (John 15:26-27)

6. He convicts of sin

7. He guides us into the truth

...He will guide you into all truth... (John 16:13)

8. The Spirit reveals the secrets of God's heart

...He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak... (John 16:13)

9. He tells us things to come

...He will show you things to come. (John 16:13)

10. He brings us into the inheritance Jesus purchased for us

He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of what is Mine, and shall show it to you. (John 16:14)

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have there entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us by his Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. (1 Cor. 2:9-10)