

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

JOHN 14:15-17

I. THOSE WHO TRULY LOVE CHRIST, COME TO EXPERIENCE A FELLOWSHIP WITH THE TRIUNE GOD (14:15-16)

- A. From The Beginning Of This Gospel, John Has Been Revealing The Godhead
 - 1. There Are Over 200 Trinitarian References In This Gospel
 - 2. That's More Than All The Others Combined
- B. Among Other Things, The Lord Is Continuing To Comfort These Troubled Men By Assuring Them Of The Inviolable Relationship They Will Have To The Godhead

II. THOSE WHO TRULY LOVE CHRIST WILL BE GIVEN THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (14:16-17)

- A. The Lord Identifies This Person With Two Terms
 - 1. "Another Comforter" (*Parakletos*)
 - a. He Is A Strengthenener Who Gives Aid
 - b. He Is A Defender In A Court Of Law
 - c. He Is What Jesus Had Been For Them Up To That Point
 - d. He Is What Each Of Us Need In The World In The Physical Absence Of Christ
 - e. He Is *Another* Of The Same Kind As Christ
 - 2. "The Spirit Of Truth"
 - a. Truth Is His Very Nature
 - b. Truth Is What He Communicates
- B. The Lord Intends That We Rely On The Spirit Of God To Strengthen Us From Day To Day Since He Abides Forever