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#### In This Series Are Learning...

- 1. That life has its troubles, but that we don't need to fear.
- 2. That believers have something that the world doesn't have.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27

## The Background to the Story

The Passover meal is ongoing and then they will go to the Garden of Gethsemane.

It was only a few hours until the cross, and the death of Jesus.

## **Our Helper**

Jesus said that He would ask the Father on our behalf for a Helper.

Note the reference to the tri-unity of God.

"And <u>I</u> will ask the <u>Father</u>, and He will give you another <u>Counselor</u> to be with you forever..."

## "Another" — It indicates that there has already been another Helper.

- "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense (Parakletos) Jesus Christ, the Righteous One." 1 John 2:1
- It shows us the kind of Helper that we would receive.

Heteros — Another of any kind.

Allos — Another, exactly like the first.

"Counselor" — Parakletos — "One who is called alongside to help." (an aid, helper, comforter, counselor, advocate, etc.)

"Forever" — This tells us that God Himself will never leave you. The Counselor's name is the Spirit of Truth.

The Spirit takes up residence in the life of every believer.

• In Old Testament times this wasn't possible, but the death of Christ has changed all that.

"...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you." - John 14:17 "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?"

- 1 Corinthians 3:16

## **Our Hope**

Jesus promised not to leave us as orphans. (This is an obvious reference to His death.)

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come." - John 13:33

He declared that the world would no longer see Him but that the disciples would see Him.

(What do we know about His appearances following His resurrection?)



The greatest statement of hope, though, was the promise that because He would live again, those who follow Him would also have life.

"Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. **Because I live, you also will live.**" - John 14:19

"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." - 1 Corinthians 15:20

And, "on that day," it will (and now does) all make sense.

"On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you." - John 14:20

"At first His disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about Him and that they had done these things to Him." - John 12:16

#### **Our Heart**

15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command..."

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<sup>21</sup> "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." - John 14:21

Our obedience is a measure of our love.

Our obedience is not designed to meet certain legalistic criteria, or to follow established code, but to bring honour to our Father and to please Him.

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