

The Comforter

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as He was when He walked this earth. He has kept His Word and left the “Comforter” to help meet the needs of His believers while they are here on earth. Like the security my aunt’s blanket left to whosoever used it; so will the “Comforter” Christ left here on earth, comfort, soothe, strengthen and support a believer. Here is some of what is said about the Comforter in the Bible:

☞ The Comforter is also called the Spirit, Holy Ghost, and Holy Spirit. The Spirit intercedes for us.

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” Romans 8:26 Also: John 14:6

☞ It was prophesied in the Old Testament that the Comforter would be sent.

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; ...” Joel 2:28 Also: Acts 2:17

☞ The Comforter would come after Christ and would teach spiritual things, and help believers remember spiritual things.

We have substituted relativity for reality, psychology for prayer, and inferiority complex for sin, social control for family worship, reflex action for revelation, and the spirit of wheels for the power of the Spirit. — E. Hovey

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, ..., he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:26 Also: John 16:7, Ephesians 4:8, Acts 2:33

☞ It is the Comforter who helps us understand the things of God, including His Word. It is He that helps us understand prophecy.

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: ... and he will shew you things to come.”

John 16:13

☞ The Comforter points to and glorifies Christ.

“But when the Comforter is come, ... he shall testify of me.” John 15:26 Also: I Cor. 12:3

☞ Only the saved can receive Him. The Comforter lives inside a believer.

“Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” John 14:17

Also: Luke 11:13, John 7:39, Acts 2:38, Acts 10:45, Eph. 1:13

☞ It was the Holy Ghost that enabled the early church to speak to others in a language they had not learned. This Holy Spirit-given ability was to reach

others of different languages with the Gospel. The gift was not given for their entertainment or to prove to them they were saved.

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4

That gift stopped when the Bible was given to the people: “But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.” I Cor. 13:10. “Tongues” stopped:

“... but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; ...” I Corinthians 13:8

☞ Some teach that the Holy Spirit goes from our lives when we sin and comes back when we are “good”. The Bible does not teach this. The Comforter never leaves a person, but He can be saddened and will not work in our lives.

“... and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;”

John 14:16

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, ...” Ephesians 4:30
“Quench not the Spirit.”

I Thessalonians 5:19

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Wonderful Harmonies

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If we only knew what wonderful harmonies the Holy Spirit can draw out of our lives, we should not be content until He

has complete possession and is working in us and through us to do His will.

What Held Up the Revival

Alliance Weekly

Harry Moorehouse was conducting evangelistic services in a certain city, but there was no revival. God had given precious revivals both in America and in Great Britain, but in this city it was as though he were beating against a stone wall. Day and night he was on his knees searching his heart and crying out, “O God, why is there no revival?”



One day he was walking along the street, and the Holy Spirit allowed him to see a large placard on which appeared these words, “Harry Moorehouse,

the most famous of all British preachers!”

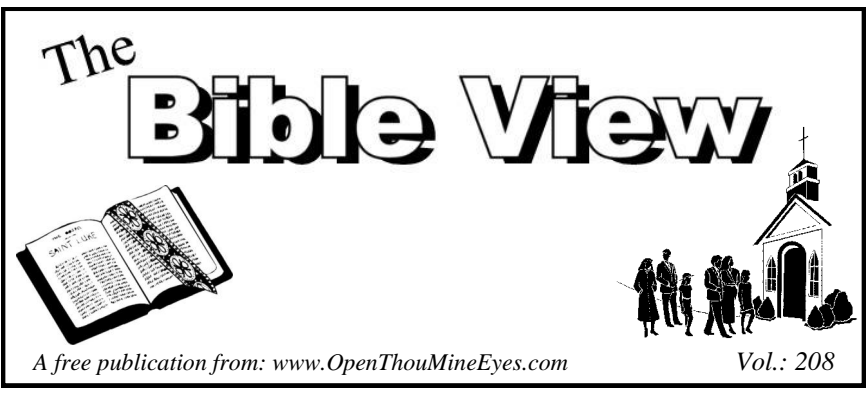
At once he said to himself, “That is why there is no revival!” He went to the campaign committee, and said, “Now I know why there is no revival. You have advertised me as the greatest of this and the greatest of that! No wonder the Holy Spirit cannot work! He is grieved and quenched, because you haven’t magnified the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the wonderful One. I’m just a poor, simple, humble servant, preaching the glorious Gospel, and saying, ‘Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.’”

Words to Find:
 Comforter
 eternal
 forbids
 God
 grieves
 leads
 loves
 omnipotent
 omnipresent
 prays
 searches
 speaks
 truth



Facts about the Holy Spirit

Puzzle answers can be found at: <http://www.OpenThouMineEyes.com/Puzzle/Comforter.htm>



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Bill Brinkworth

Just before Jesus faced the ordeal that would lead Him to die on the cross, He promised His disciples that another “Comforter” would be sent to them after He was gone.

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;” *John 14:16* Also: *John 16:26*

When I think of “comforter”, I am reminded of the light, down-filled blanket my aunt let me use when we stayed with her in her Maine cabin. It kept me warm during the coolest nights. When I was afraid of the dark, or the bats that somehow got in once in awhile, it was always that comforter that somehow made me feel safe and secure as I snuggled underneath it. Yet, as much as it protected me from what was outside, I hardly even knew it was there; as it was so light.

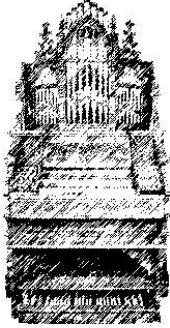
It has been over two thousand years, and Christ is no longer here to visibly comfort His followers;

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Senior Teacher

Mendelssohn, the great musician, once visited a cathedral containing one of the most priceless organs in Europe.



He listened to the organist; then asked permission to play. “I don’t know you,” was the reply, “and we don’t allow any strangers to play upon this organ.”

At last the great composer persuaded the organist to let him play. As Mendelssohn played, the great cathedral was filled with such music as the organist had never heard. With tears in his eyes he laid his hand upon Mendelssohn’s shoulder. “Who are you?” he asked.

“Mendelssohn,” came the reply.

The old organist was dumbfounded, “To think that an old fool like me nearly forbade Mendelssohn to play upon my organ!”

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“One Who Falls Down Beside Us”

Author Unknown

Miss Estella Myers, a missionary who worked among the Karre people of French Equatorial Africa, had tried hard to explain to native helpers the meaning of the “Comforter.” In order to find something fitting, she had explained the ministry of the Holy Spirit as He encourages, exhorts, admonishes, protects, comforts, and guides the Christian. Finally, they exclaimed, “Oh, if anyone would do all that for us, we would say, ‘He’s the one who falls down beside us.’”

When porters, carrying heavy

loads on their heads, go long journeys, they may become sick and straggle to the end of the line of carriers. Finally, they may collapse and be killed and eaten by wild animals during the night. If someone passing sees them prostrate there, and stoops to pick them up and help them to safety, they speak of such a person as “the one who falls down beside us.” It is this expression which the missionary translator took as the translation of “Comforter” for this is the One who sustains, protects, and keeps the children of God on their journey toward their heavenly Home.