

The Counselor Of Truth: Why Do I Need Him?

June 9, 2019 – John 15:26-27 (NIV)

“When the Counselor comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth Who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me. And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning.”

As Jesus speaks these Words of our Sermon TEXT to His disciples, it is Maundy Thursday of Holy Week.

The Lord Jesus will be instituting the Lord’s Supper, In Which Christ Jesus gives them His Body and Blood, in / with and under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of sins.

As Jesus is there in the Upper Room, on that night in which He would be betrayed, Jesus does many things.

Washes His disciples feet - Predicts His betrayal by Judas Iscariot – Predicts Peter’s denial – Comforts His disciples with the words ***“Jn 14:2 – In My Father’s house are many rooms / Mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I Am going there to prepare a place for you.”***

Jesus also gives his discourse on the fact that He is the Vine – We are the branches.

Jesus also inform His disciples and us in Jn. 15:18 – ***If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first.***”

As we look at the verses and chapters prior to our Sermon Text, we can see WHY it is some important that Jesus send the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus speaks of Himself as being the VINE and we are the branches. **John 15:1-8** - If you cut a branch off from the vine, and it is now separated from the VINE, what will happen to the branches? They will shrivel up and die, and get dried out and simply crumble.

By Nature we are as Paul writes to the Ephesians – Dead in our Trespasses and sins. Dead does not move on its own.

Jesus also told His disciples that The World Hates Him and will hate us. **John 15:18**

When someone hates you, it takes strength and courage to continue on in this World.

That is where the Holy Spirit comes in.

The Greek term is – Παρακλητος – Paraclete. – Helper – Advocate – Spokesman in the courts, One who comforts, strengthens and Aids the guilty.

The Holy Spirit is the internal ally that we have when the sin filled world and unbelievers attack us and criticize us for believing in Jesus

And it is through Faith in Christ that we are Covered with Christ’s Righteousness, and are Heirs of Eternal life in heaven.

This morning we are celebrating Pentecost Sunday – 50 days after the resurrection. 10 days after the Ascension of our Lord Jesus into Heaven.

And in the text for this morning, The Lord Jesus promised His disciples that He was not going to let them live in this world alone and lost.

As we celebrate Pentecost it is important to remember that Pentecost did not first develop in the New Testament.

It was actually celebrated in the Old Testament, after the Passover was instituted. And it was 7 Weeks + 1 day after the celebration of The Passover. It was also called by other names such as *The Feast of Weeks*, The Feast of Ingathering, The Day of the First Fruits, The Feast of the Harvest.

The Children of Israel were to bring their First Fruits of Wheat to the Lord as an Offering. (See Num. 28:17, Deut 16:10; II Chron. 8:13, Ex. 34:22)

Now as New Testament Believers we celebrate Pentecost. That special out pouring of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem as the Lord God used that event to jump start the New Testament Church, and 3,000 came to faith in one day!

It is the same Holy Spirit who created faith in our heart, and Who continues to create faith in the heart of others, through the Means of Grace, that is through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament.

It is the Holy Spirit Who continues to strength our faith everything we read, mark hear and inwardly digest the Word of our Lord as revealed and given to us in the Holy Bible.

Let us continue to confidently Approach our heavenly Father, in the Name of Our Risen Savior, Christ Jesus, and Thank Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit Who has Brought us to Faith, and Ask that He not Take the Holy Spirit from us, but to continue to strengthen us through the Study of His Word.

And be confident that the Holy Spirit comes to us and others, For Jesus / God Himself Has promised to Send Him, and Jesus / God Does not Lie. AMEN.