



Jesus

Lesson #8 The Comforter

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John 14:15-21

¹⁵ "If you love me, obey* my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,* who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.* ¹⁸ No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. ²⁰ When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."



Quick Comments

- *Jesus had just told the disciples that he was going away and where he was going they could not come – now he says, “I will not abandon you”.*
- *He is sending the Holy Spirit, but also says “I will be with you”. (and at the right of the Father?)*
- *He plainly says the world “cannot” receive the Holy Spirit.*





Advocate, Comforter

- *Without getting into the original language, allow me say this – the words used by Jesus describe someone who strengthens and comforts us by his presence.*
 - *Because the Spirit lives in us we have confidence in Christ and assurance of our salvation.*
 - *He convicts, strengthens, teaches, and equips us for his purposes in this life.*
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If you love me, obey my commandments.

- *Or, we could say – if we obey his commandments we show that we love him.*
- *1 John 2:3 We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. 4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: NIV*





If you love me, obey my commandments.

- ***John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another." NIV***
- ***John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." NIV***
- ***John 15:17 This is my command: Love each other. NIV***



**If you must be commanded
to love one another is it
really love?**



If you love me, obey my commandments.

- *It could not be more clear – we are commanded to love another.*
- *I think we sometimes confuse love with like – in other words if I must make a hard decision to act lovingly towards you, it does not feel like love.*
- *Love is not a feeling so much as it is action.*





The Comforter will come.

- *In John's gospel Jesus begins to speak about someone or something that would be new – familiar, but new.*
 - *As he speaks it becomes apparent he is speaking about another person that was so closely tied to Jesus they would be hard to separate.*
 - *We have Jesus' own words about his sameness with the Holy Spirit.*
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The Comforter will come.

- *John 14:17 But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. NLT*
- *Two possible meanings – 1) he is referring to the Holy Spirit's general O.T. ministry to all in that he was 'with' them and then points to Pentecost where He would dwell in them.*
- *Or, 2) He was emphasizing how similar he and the Holy Spirit are that they are all but indistinguishable.*





The Trinity

- ***John 14:18 I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. NLT***
- ***Now it clears a bit for me – when he says “I” will come to you I believe he is underscoring the fact that just as Jesus and the Father are one, so too are Jesus and the Holy Spirit.***
- ***Three personalities, three roles, one God.***



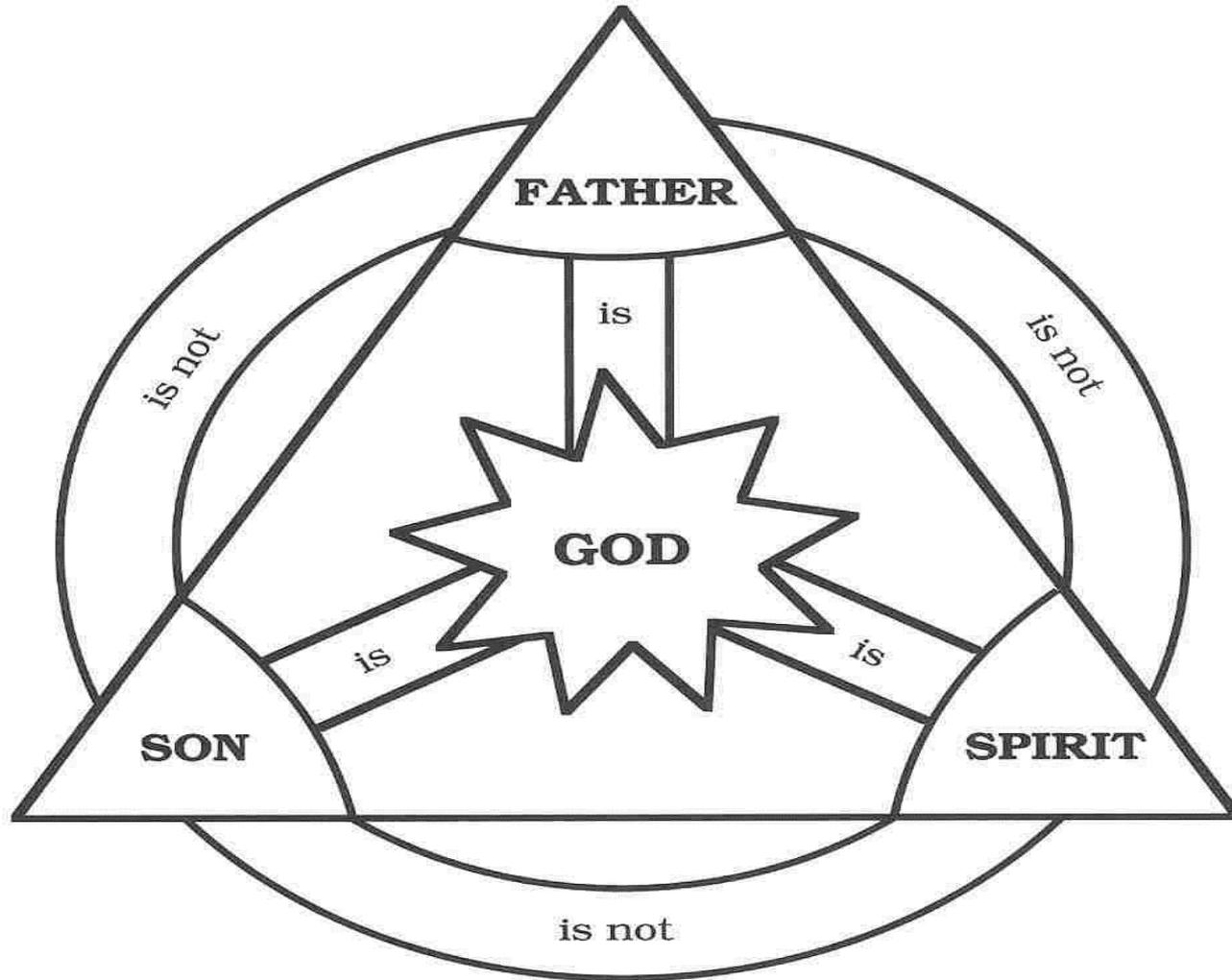


The Trinity

- *We do not generally speak like this, but Jesus was quite clear – he spoke of the equality and unity of the trinity.*
- *We tend to speak of them as separate entities, but such talk does not jibe with Jesus' own words.*
- *We separate the three just to keep our sanity. 😊*



Trinity





Being In Christ

- *Next he speaks of his resurrection and a future relationship that was so entwined that we could be said to be “in” Him.*
- *John 14:20 you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. NLT*
- *Consider the loftiness of such a position for those who ought to be cut-off from God.*





Being In Christ

- ***1 John 3:24 Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. NIV***
- ***Again we hear John speak of Jesus and the Holy Spirit as being so closely tied they are all but indistinguishable.***
- ***He gives the Spirit, but he lives in us. (a difference that has no practical distinction?)***

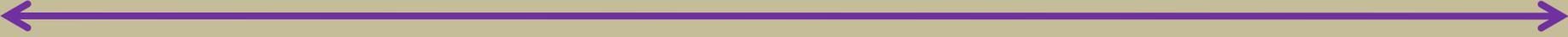




Christ Revealed

- *John 14:21 And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them. NLT*

How does Jesus reveal himself to us?





Christ Revealed

- *John 14:21 And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them. NLT*
- *Something to ponder – how is it that you know Jesus as you do?*
- *It is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit at Christ's direction – he wants us to know him and if we will only open our eyes he will reveal himself.*





Christ Revealed

- *So how far can we take this? The idea that Jesus will reveal himself to us?*
- *James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. NIV*
- *As it turns out it is not how 'far', but how 'close'. I suspect we back off of our proximity to God way before He does.*





Christ Revealed

- *So how close can we get? As close as we want?*
- *It is God's intended purpose to make us like his son and that only happens when we get close to him.*
- *Romans 8:29 for those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. NIV*





Questions

