

Obedience Brings Fulfillment of Promises

Jesus made some staggering statements in these brief verses. To whom are they made? To the 11 disciples – YES, but the scope of His promises here are far reaching. We cannot miss what Jesus is saying in verse 15; “proof of genuine love for Him is obedience to His commands”.

Now look at [John 14:21](#) – then read [John 14:23, 24](#). *THE LORD MAKES PROMISES TO THOSE WHO ARE OBEDIENT – THIS IS ALL TIED TO THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THAT HE IS OUR COMFORTER, TEACHER AND HELPER.*

WE HAVE A LEGACY LEFT BY OUR LORD TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.

1. The disciples are in turmoil.
2. They fear being left alone.
3. Jesus had provided everything and now He tells them He is leaving. Wow!
4. They stand in need of supernatural help. The promise of the HOLY SPIRIT is the culmination of the promise that the eleven troubled men needed.
5. Jesus promised that they would not be left alone. ([John 14:16](#)) “Comforter” παράκλητοζ “called alongside” “another” heteros, or allos = another of a different kind or another of the same kind.
6. “ALLOS” describes Deity – “I am sending one of exactly the same essence as Me.” Not just any helper, but with the same attributes, just like Himself.
7. The HOLY SPIRIT is not a mystical power, not a floating fog, not a ghost. The word Spirit should never be called “Ghost”, not Casper the friendly ghost. He is a person.
8. We actually have two παράκλητεζ: the Spirit of God within us ([Romans 8:16](#)) and the Son of God in Heaven. ([1 John 2:1](#)) Advocate is the word παράκλητοζ
9. The disciples were greatly encouraged by His words but also the words that succeeded “that He may be with you forever”. ([John 14:16](#)) The Holy Spirit would not only come to indwell but also never to leave.
10. [Col. 1:27](#) “Christ in us the hope of glory” Jesus did not tell His disciples that He would come back and leave again, but He said that the His Spirit would reside in us. [John 14:17](#)