



Help Is on the Way

Summary:

If you've ever wished that you could immediately connect with God when going through a difficult situation, you're in good company. We've all had times when we've needed help, but our loved ones simply couldn't meet our needs. Maybe you've been so hurt by others that you don't think you need anyone else.

Unfortunately, such a self-sufficient attitude probably means there are problems in your life

that you aren't dealing with. Those difficulties will eventually catch up to you, and the consequences will be detrimental.

Today, you'll learn where to turn when you feel desperate and powerless. Help is on the way—will you accept it?

Key Passage: [John 14:16–18](#)

Supporting Scripture: *John 14:26; 15:26–27; 16:8; Romans 8:26; 1 Corinthians 2:10, 14; Hebrews 9:24, 26, 28; 10:12.*

Scriptural Principles:

1 Comfort from Christ

The night before Jesus was crucified, He made the most of His final opportunity to prepare the disciples for the hurt and despair that were coming. He encouraged the disciples by promising, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever . . . I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you” (John 14:16, 18). When Jesus said He was going to send them another Helper, He meant that He would give them a Companion that was just like Him. That Helper, of course, is the Holy Spirit.

2 The Gift of the Helper

The Holy Spirit lives in whoever accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. In fact, once the Holy Spirit comes into our life and seals us as children of God, He will never leave us. He is God's gift to us, and He not only makes us aware of our need for Christ, but He also gives us the faith to believe. The Holy Spirit is not an “It;” rather He is a person of the Trinity—God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He shares the same traits as the Father and Son—omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, wisdom, love, and power. Therefore, we have an awesome gift within us that we should embrace whenever we face difficulties, hardships, and trials.

3 You Aren't Alone

There are some circumstances that may leave you feeling as if you don't have a friend in the world. However isolated you may feel, understand that you're never alone. The Holy Spirit is with you and He has a ministry to fulfill in your life. His primary reason for indwelling you is to live the life of Christ through you—helping you face every situation in a godly, victorious manner. He uses all of your heartaches and burdens to teach you about the love, wisdom, and power of God. He enables you to become the person God created you to be and to succeed in whatever God calls you to achieve.

4 Characteristics of the Holy Spirit

- Practical. The Holy Spirit helps you because He can warn and prepare you for what's coming.
- Personal. He lives inside of you—He knows you even better than you know yourself.
- Available. Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, the Holy Spirit is there for you.
- Adequate. There's no problem you face that God can't handle.
- Dependable. The Holy Spirit is always prepared for whatever happens and has your best interest at heart. Rely upon Him.
- Wise. He knows when to act and what to do to lead you in living a godly life.

5 The Holy Spirit Helps Your Prayer Life

Romans 8:26 says, “The Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” That means that when you don't know what to ask for or what to say to God, the Holy Spirit will intervene for you. God is holy and He wants to help you, but you must talk to Him. How long has it been since you humbled yourself before God? The Holy Spirit will show you how.

6 The Holy Spirit Helps You with the Word of God

The Holy Spirit helps you understand the Word of God. Remember, 1 Corinthians 2:14 tells us, “A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.” God's Spirit is your teacher and He shows you what God's Word means and how to apply it to your heart.

7 The Holy Spirit Helps You with Your Sin

John 16:8 testifies that the Holy Spirit will “convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.” That's how you first understood you needed salvation—He made you aware that only Christ could forgive your sinfulness. He is constantly revealing what doesn't belong in your life as a child of God.

8 The Holy Spirit Helps You with Your Weakness and Sorrow

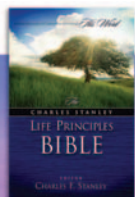
In your moments of weakness, the Holy Spirit can energize you—He becomes your adequacy. When you're tempted to doubt God's promises, the Spirit will remind you of God's faithfulness—He becomes your confidence and strength. Whenever you experience difficult times of loss and heartache, He comforts you in ways no one else can—He becomes your hope and joy.

9 The Holy Spirit Equips You with Spiritual Gifts

The Holy Spirit gives you spiritual gifts—He empowers you to do the work that God calls you to do. He equips you with the discernment, skill, energy, and power to make an impact in other people's lives. You cannot live the Christian life apart from the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion:

Do you want love in your life? What about joy and peace? How about patience? Kindness? Goodness? Faithfulness? Gentleness? Self-control? All of those attributes are the fruit of the Holy Spirit. That is what God promises you if you will allow Him full reign in your life.



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You cannot make any of those traits a part of your life on your own. That's why Christ sent you a Helper. Those characteristics are beyond your grasp unless you allow the Holy Spirit to live through you.

Whenever you stop displaying those qualities, you can invariably trace it back to an attitude or action that has impeded the Holy Spirit's work in your life.

Friend, don't hinder the Holy Spirit—He is your Helper. His help is yours for the asking. 🙏

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