

Handout

## **SOP: The Holy Spirit—God of all Comfort**

### **The Father will send the Promise**

**John 14:16**

**John 14:26**

**Helper:** parakletos—He who has been called to help; a helper. A legal advisor, proxy, advocate who comes forward on behalf of and as the representative of another. It means a God at hand, One by our side. Sometimes translated: Advocate: one that we may call upon.

- He is another of equal quality—not different quality
- He is called Paraklete—because the Holy Spirit undertakes Christ's office in the world
- II Corinthians 9:8: And God (by the Holy Spirit) is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good work.
- Prior to the cross, the Presence of God was with men—once the Spirit is given—His Presence will be in men.

### **Nature of the Holy Spirit**

- The Holy Spirit—the third Person of the Triune God—comes to reveal the Son, and through the Spirit—the Son comes to dwell and work in us and through us.
- Although the Holy Spirit is a distinct personality from the Father and the Son—He forms the divine personality with each.
- When Christ ascends, He remains and acts on our behalf as the Presence and Power of God
- When the Holy Spirit abides within us—we become His Temple/Tabernacle
- He will never leave or forsake us: Hebrews 13:5—...for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we may confidently say, "The Lord is my Helper, I will not be afraid, what shall man do to me?"
- The Spirit brings strength and not just sympathy
- When we are unable to pray for ourselves—He undertakes our needs and distress with groaning that are too deep for words—Romans 8:26
- Because we are vulnerable to deception (as an infection that gains entry through a wound) He is the Spirit of Truth.

### **A Call to Draw Near in Suffering**

- **Matthew 11:28**
- **John 14:27**
- **II Corinthians 1:3-5**
- **Romans 15:13**

### **I Will Be With you**

- **Key to Forgiveness**—invite the Holy Spirit to meet you with His comfort—I John 4:19— We love (forgive), because **He first loved us.**
- **Key to Trust**—Hebrews 13:5— I will never leave you or forsake you
- **Delivers from Control**—Galatians 5:25—If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit
- **Key to navigating grief**—Romans 8:26—When pain is too deep or complex to express—the Holy Spirit translates the cries of our heart

- **Grants us wisdom from the Father**—James 5:17