

“Survivor Guide Until Christ Returns”

John 14:15-27

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How to survive until Christ returns...

Key 1- Look to the Holy Spirit for help. (verses 16-20, 26)

“It is only when we examine this word *paraklētos* in detail that we catch something of the riches of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. It really means *someone who is called in*; but it is the reason *why* the person is called in which gives the word its distinctive associations. The Greeks used the word in a wide variety of ways. A *paraklētos* might be a person *called in* to give witness in a law court in someone’s favour, or an advocate *called in* to plead the cause of someone under a charge which would issue in a serious penalty; an expert *called in* to give advice in some difficult situation, or a person *called in* when, for example, a company of soldiers were depressed and dispirited to put new courage into their minds and hearts. Always a *paraklētos* is *someone called in to help* in time of trouble or need.”

William Barclay, *The New Daily Study Bible: The Gospel of John*, Saint Andrews Press, Edinburgh, 2001, p. 194.

“The Holy Spirit is God’s Spirit; the Holy Spirit ushers to us the presence of Father and Son to indwell us and to share fellowship with us. Hence, as God was at work on the cross in Christ to save us, so now God is at work in the Spirit to transform us. I cannot underscore sufficiently how important this is. God is on our side. He is at work renewing us and loving us. This is the gospel.”

Gary M. Burge, *The NIV Application Commentary: John*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2000, p. 411.

Application Question– What do I need the Holy Spirit to help me with?

Key 2- Obey His commands and teachings. (verses 15, 21-24)

Application Question– What command or teaching of Jesus do I need the Holy Spirit to help me obey?

Key 3- Receive His peace. (verse 27)

“To live in anguish over the past, anxiety concerning the present, or apprehension about the future is to fail to appropriate that peace...God has forgiven the past, provided for the present, and guaranteed the future, leaving nothing to legitimately disrupt the believer’s peace.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: John 12-21*, Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 2008, pp. 127-128.

“True peace comes from yielding all to the will of God. Let him have his way, let him solve the problem then the heart can be at peace. This is the peace Jesus had as he faced the agony of Calvary. It is peace grounded in the promise of the ‘joy set before him’ (Hebrews 12:2). This is the peace offered to us. Christians do not need pleasures, affluence, influence, gratification of desires. Instead, they obtain peace through fellowship with God. Their peace is within, and the world cannot understand it, nor can it take that peace away.” M. G. Gutzke

Life Application Bible Commentary: John, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Carol Stream, Illinois, 1993, p. 301.

Application Questions– What have you allowed to steal your peace? What needs to be surrendered in order to have God’s peace?