

That night, Jesus betrayed, the disciples afraid, knew something was coming, didn't know what, Jesus talks of **going away**. They're sorrowful, troubled, worried over themselves and their family, anxious of things unknown, see a world around them in decay, uncertain of the future -like you; but Jesus comforts with promise, work of the Holy Spirit.

Preparing the disciples, you for Pentecost; comfort for life in the church after His ascension. For you need help. Lots of help. I need help, just ask my wife. He sends the Helper, Holy Spirit to comfort you, work upon you.

Understand this **Helper** title of the Holy Spirit, do not miss this.

Jesus says Paraclete in Greek, hard to translate, often **Helper** or **Comforter**. It doesn't mean "help" in the sense of someone who gives some assistance. It's more like a helper who saves you from drowning, or drags you out of a burning building. Help of someone who saves your life. Sometimes Paraclete translated as **advocate**, like an attorney, defense your life to not be condemned. Understand **Helper** in this sense. For the kind of help we're talking about isn't just a helping hands when needed, like help of a doctor holding your beating heart in surgery.

The Spirit of truth convicts the world of unbelief. You heard St. James, **do not be deceived**, the context applies to 3 things. What people embrace, indoctrinated, hold to so many lies. **Do not be deceived**. Hold to unchanging truth. Truth does not evolve or change. Truth is a person. Christ. His doctrine. And also, **do not be deceived**. you keep looking to yourself and worldly pleasures and false things to satisfy, deceptive; it never will, only eternal things will ever satisfy you. And also, **do not be deceived**, regardless your circumstances, whatever trails you go through, don't be stupid. God is still delivering on His promises to give you every good gift from above, namely Jesus and the Eucharist, but it doesn't stop there. He never stops taking care of you.

Look at this great comfort. The Holy Spirit **convicts** you, which brings comfort to bear in your mess of life. Comfort to work, give faith, belief in you. Unbelief causes your despair, causes your fears. Your unbelief causes your anger, unbelief makes you difficult to live with. Repent.

Here's advice for you wives if needed to your husbands, one day Katy Luther dressed-up in black funeral dress and veil. Martin Luther asked who died, whose funeral. Katy responded, "the way you've been acting, your despair, you act as if Jesus is still dead." Martin Luther got the point.

Your Lord lives, lives for you, act like it, live holy, be intentional to not waste time or days in foolishness thoughts, despair.

Look at this great comfort, the Holy Spirit **convicts of righteousness**. Righteousness of Christ, yours. This causes you to sing. Some of you don't sing very well, sing all the more louder. Sing a new song (the resurrection song), the new covenant song) to the Lamb, slain for all of your sins who lives. If you want relief from the disappointments and pain of this broken world; if you want courage to face life and death, freedom from yourself and your sins and your past, sing. He pours out the righteous of Christ to you.

Look at this great comfort. The Holy Spirit **convicts the world of judgment**. Satan cannot have you. Judgment for you, not a terror but your answered prayer. There is no one to condemn you. Judgment of your sin and wrath spent on Jesus. For from that cross, flowing water from His side, that you heard from Isaiah, **water from the wells of salvation**, a wells of salvation that Madison, that you draw life from, continually working.

The Holy Spirit only, always, exclusively works in the Words of Christ, what Christ declares in the Sacraments. God is not an enthusiast, a mystical figure, but a God that works in concrete means so you can be certain, sure. He works in words: **convict of believe** -works faith in you. **He will tell, guide you into truth, speak with authority of Christ, you hear, He speaks, He takes what is mine, declares it to you...(again) declares to you**. Mere words. No words are more true and active in your life, continually working in words, teaching, declaring, preaching Words of Christ, Sacraments of Christ to keep you alive, keep you in His Kingdom.

What comforting, enduring Helper. For you are weak, get sorrowful, troubled, worried over yourself and family, anxious of things unknown, a world in decay, uncertain of the future; You are subject to powerful forces you can't control. Jesus doesn't leave us to work things out on our own or give some help along the way. No. He sends a Helper, Holy Spirit to work faith in you, to survive, to make it through the day, to help you from drowning, drag you from this burning world, always pointing you, to join you to Christ, His works, Scripture, to the Church to dispense the gifts here, your baptism drawn from the **wells of living waters, partake the firstfruits**, resurrected body and blood of Christ. **Do not be deceived** by lies or your stupidity. **When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth**. Oh what comfort, help is yours.