

# True Help

## John 14-16

Do you ever feel like you need some help in life? God knows that we do! And so, He has provided a wonderful Assistant for each one of His children. His name is the Holy Spirit – the “Helper” or “Comforter,” Whom Jesus spoke of while informing His disciples about His soon departure to heaven.

### 1. The Holy Spirit's **identity** announced by Jesus

- Four times Christ spoke of the arrival, in His absence, of “the Helper” (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7)

### 2. The Holy Spirit's **Deity** affirmed by Jesus

- He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity. Not a “force” or a “thing” or an “it,” but a Person with the pronouns “He,” “His,” or “Him.”

- He is God in every attribute (Acts 5:3-4)

- Omniscient (1 Cor. 2:10, 11)
- Omnipresent (Ps. 139:7)
- Omnipotent (Luke 1:35)

- He speaks (Acts 13:2; Heb. 3:7-11; Rev. 2:7)

- He can be mistreated and offended

- Lied to (Acts 5:3-4)
- Insulted (Heb. 10:29)
- Grieved (Eph. 4:30)
- Quenched (1 Thess. 5:19)
- Resisted (Acts 7:51)
- Blasphemed (Matt. 12:31-33)

- He is given to every believer as a gift (Acts 2:38)

### 3. The Holy Spirit's **ministry** according to Jesus

- To **help** us (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7)
  - He **indwells** us (1 Cor. 6:19-20) bringing “the fruit of the Spirit” (Gal 5:22-23) into our lives and pouring the “love of God” into our hearts (Rom. 5:5). One baptism (1 Cor. 12:13) but many “fillings of the Spirit” (Acts 2:14; 7:55-56; 13:9-11).
  - He **seals** us (John 6:27; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30)
  - He **empowers** us (Acts 1:8)
  - He **engifts** us (1 Cor. 12:11) not for selfish reasons, but service reasons within His church (Eph. 4:11-16) ministry, maturity, and unity!
  - He **encourages** us (Rom. 8:16)
  - He **intercedes** for us (Rom. 8:26-27)
- To **teach** us (John 14:16, 26)
- To **guide** us (John 16:13)
- To bring **conviction** to a lost world (John 16:8—11)

### 4. The Holy Spirit's **mystery** as *alluded* to by Jesus

Carefully read John 3:1-8 as Jesus is helping Nicodemus understand about how the Holy Spirit works in an individual's heart and life, helping them to see the need of salvation. If the Spirit of God is dealing with you about salvation – please respond without delay! Come to Christ while His Spirit is convicting and speaking to your heart!