

The Helper

The Gift of God - Week 10 (1-11-23)

John 14:15-17

I. A Gift For You

A. What God did in order to provide the Holy Spirit

1. John 16:7

B. “And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter...”

C. Luke 11:9-13 - Ask and you shall receive!

D. Acts 2:37-39 - the Gift of the Holy Ghost

E. 1 Corin. 12:12-13 - One Spirit and One body

II. Calling/Leading Us

A. Isaiah 11:10 - 12:6

1. “Ensign” - Verses 11:10 and 11:12

a) Usually a military term; lofty signal or flag placed on high mountains to point out a place of rendezvous.

B. 12:4-5 - Making known to all the earth the excellent things that God has done.

1. Sounds like Acts 1:8

C. 12:6 - “in the midst” = Inward part of human body; within one’s body

1. John 7:37-38 and John 4:14

a) Isaiah 44:1-4 and Isaiah 55:1

D. Isaiah 59:15-21

1. “Lift up a Standard”

a) Beacon or a Banner

(1) Pole used as a standard to ensign on mountain tops as a call to the people to assemble themselves for some great national purpose.

(2) Banner used in war to direct the route to fortified cities. Or call attention to news.

b) Standard - Something established by an authority as a model or example.

(1) To recognize a standard is to recognize some form of authority. This could be why all moral and ethical standards have gone out the window in our world.

No one wants to recognize anyone or anything as higher than themselves.

2. John 16:13 - “... guide you into all truth...”

a) 1 Corin. 2:12-16

III. Established in Unity

A. Marriage - Eph. 5:30-32

1. In the same way that a husband and wife are united in marriage and become one flesh, Christ and the church have been unified by the power of the Holy Spirit.

a) A physical marriage relationship also brings offspring (fruit).

(1) So does our unity with Christ through the Holy Spirit. - Galatians 5:16-25

2. Gen. 2:18 - God knew that it was not good for man to be alone. So He gave him a helpmeet.
 - a) God also knew that it wouldn't be good for us to be alone when Jesus left, and so He sent us the Holy Spirit. Our helper and comforter.
3. 1 Corin. 6:17-20
4. Be careful what you unite your heart to spiritually!
 - a) Much of the old testament compares physical fornication and infidelity to the spiritual.
 - (1) We MUST remain faithful to our groom and our union with Him!