

# Perfecting Discipleship: The Disciple's Helper



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## “If you love me...

- ...you will **obey what I command.**” Whoever claims to live in Jesus must walk as He did. How did He walk? By dependence on and obedience to the Father, only doing and speaking what He received from the Father.
- Such a life is itself an expression of love since love is the laying down of one's life. *1 John 3:16.*
- Love, like faith, is the engagement of the whole person; body, soul and spirit.

**Introduction:** This passage reveals how the presence of Father, Son and Holy Spirit will work in the life of the believer after Jesus returns to heaven.

**Judas:** *Joh 14:22* There were two disciples named Judas—one was a traitor the other the brother of James and probably a brother of Jesus. The Judas of this passage wrote the book of Jude. See *Jude 1:24-25*

### A. Holy Spirit is our Helper-Teacher

1. The Greek word for ‘helper’ or ‘counselor’ is the word ‘Paraclete.’ It comes from a word meaning to be ‘called alongside’ as a comforter or strengthener (Wycliffe 1830)
2. He is the ‘Spirit of Truth’ :17 as is Jesus (*Joh 14:6*) and the Word (*Joh 17:17*)
3. The Spirit is the agent for the presence of the Father and the Son in the believer. :17; 20
4. The helping ministry of the Holy Spirit is to help us ‘remember’ and to ‘teach’ us. :26; *1 John 2:20; 27*
5. The Holy Spirit and the Church. The Spirit brought about an anointing of the Word by quickening, empowering, sanctifying, encouraging and emboldening the early believers. *Acts 9:31*

### B. The Father Surrounds us with Love

1. The primary nature of the Father is love. *1 John 4:8; 16*
2. If you love Jesus—you will be loved by the Father :21
3. The Father sends us the Spirit in the name of Jesus :26

### C. The Son will Manifest Himself to Us

1. The Greek word ‘manifest’ here means to make visible, to make clear to uncover—mostly the Glory of God *John 2:11*
2. Jesus’ prayer to the Father releases the Spirit in us—and the Spirit comes to reveal Jesus to us.
3. The world cannot receive this manifestation of Jesus. :22
4. The manifestation of Christ is based on love and the Word. The result of loving God and keeping His Word is that both the Father and the Son will take up residence in us. :23

## John 14:15-26

:15 "If you love Me, **keep My commandments.**

:16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

:17 the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

:18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

:19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

:20 At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

:21 He who **has My commandments and keeps them**, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

:22 **Judas (not Iscariot)** said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word**; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

:24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

:25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach** you all things, and bring to your **remembrance** all things that I said to you