Jesus has stated the great and wonderful Truth that He is THE Way, He is THE Truth and He is THE Life and that no man can come unto the Father; no man can know God and no man can come to Heaven, except through the Son, Jesus.

Now we won't take any more time in expounding this, but out of this statement there comes a tremendous reaction on the part of those who heard Him and one of His close disciples.

V.7 (read) Jesus is speaking still. Now hole this in mind: He says 'if you really had understood Me, you would know the Father. You would really know God in Heaven'. The last statement in V. 7 is a present tense here, but it really has a future meaning. He's pointing to the great day of Pentecost, which is just around the corner. He said 'the time will come when you are really going to understand who I am'. And really, they did NOT understand.

Just like you and I do not understand Jesus and the things of God until the HS does His work in our heart. Because it is not an intellectual comprehension It is an illumination of the HS and here's where many people miss the Xtn life. They think it is an intellectual, comprehension when it's a heart illumination.

We'll come back to that. Now Phillip, in V. 8 - now here is Phillip; precious Phillip. One of the first apostles, followers of Jesus; the very man that was so excited that he goes and gets Nathanial - remember in John 1. He's been with Jesus three and a half yrs. but he yet does not understand. Keep in mind that this is on the other side of Pentecost and so Phillip makes the amazing statement in V. 8

V. 8 (read) 'sufficeth' (it will satisfy our hearts). Jesus has been talking

about the Father and Phillip says 'show Him to us and we'll be satisfied'. An amazing statement. He's been with Jesus three and a half years. He's seen the miracles. He's seen the power of God and here right at the end, of His ministry, he says 'I haven't seen the Father. If You will show Him to us'. Phillip has failed to understand.

Phillip is probably thinking of the incident in the 33rd ch. of Ex. when not even Moses looked upon the face of God. Ex. 33:23 (read). And Phillip probably has this in mind. 'Now you say that we have SEEN the Father (and he has a visual, physical vision in mind) we haven't Seen Him - not even Moses has seen Him and yet you talk about SEEING the Father? Show us. And we will be satisfied'.

And Jesus answered him - V. 9(read) 'have I been with you this long and you have really not understood and really not appreciated Me?' Now you see, the Greek said that God didxxxx is invisible and can never be seen. The Jews didn't express it that way - they said that He's never been seen. The Greek said that He's invisible and the Jews didn't say He is invisible. But they said 'no man has ever seen Him'.

But you see, what they were overlooking was the great miracle of the Gospel is that God had really come in flesh in Jesus of Nazareth. And while Phillip had an appreciation for Jesus, he didn't fully understand how tremendous it was that when he met with Jesus, that he was gazing upon the face of total diety. That he was SEEING God, in all of His fullness. And yet, Phillip did not realize that because his mind was cluttered with false theology and he just did not believe that he had ever seen the Father and yet, in JC, he had SEEN Him.

He goes on to say in V. 9 "he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father'. What

a statement that is. I have never understood how anybody in this world can read the Bible and yet say that Jesus did not claim to be God. But do you realize that books are being written every day. There's just come out a book by a British scholar 'The Myth of the Incarnation of God'. This man's supposed to be a scholar and he says 'nowhere did Jesus ever claim to be God'.

He's definitely claiming to be God here in V. 10x(read) you cannot state it clearer than that. And he says it in so many, many ways. As a matter of was fact, you go to Matthew's Gospel and the 26th xxk chapter of this ix the thing they crucified Him for. When He said 'I AM equal with God; I AM God' that's when they xxx placed Him on the cross and yet, we still have people xxxxx debating all over this world and saying 'He really wasn't God'.

'He didn't even claim to be God'. Now here's one of the most important things for us to know in Xtn doctrine. Who is Jesus? And we have people all over the world, especially in intellectual circles, who say 'well, now, I'm ready to accept that Jesus was a great moral teacher. But that's as far as I can go'. Listen, that's a foolish statement.

JC is not a great moral teacher, unless He's what He says in the Bible. As a matter of fact, He's a very immoral man. He's even a madman. IF He's not what He said He was. Because He has lied and He's lied grieveously against you and me. He's not a great moral teacher, IF He's not also God. And He comes to you and me and He says 'I'm the only way TO God'. We have to decide who Jesus is. And upon this decision depends all of live and all of Eternity.

This is the question for man of every age. Who is Jesus? If He's just a moral teacher, you and I are left without a Saviour. He says He's Lord. He says He's God. He says He's God. Now suppose we reject the fact that He is

Lord. That He just isn't God. All right. If we say that He isn't Lord, then we have to take one of two other conclusions, about HIm. We would have to say that He made a false claim when He said He was God or Lord and He really knew that He wasn't. That would make HIm a liar. He xxxx says 'I'm God'. All right.

If he's not God, then we must conclude that He KNEW that He was not God and He was just a hypocrite and an impostor and a liar. Now that's the -- He's either Lord and we accept Him as Lord, then there's no problem with the miracles - there's not a problem with anything, if He's God. No problem about His being virgin born; raised from the dead; coming again.

But if we deny that He was Lord, then we can say 'well, He was - He KNEW that
He was NOT Lord all the time and He just lied about it, really. He's deceived
man and we could say that He's a liar and that's what we're saying, if we
say He's not Lord because the witness of the Scrip. certainly says that He
said He was Lord or God.'

But if we say 'well, He knew that He was NOT Lord and He lied about it,'that would make Him a liar but then - we might say this: He really didn't have sense enough to know what He was saying. And so, He's not responsible for His actions. He's a crazy man. He's a lunatic. Now there are our alternatives. He's Lord; He's God and He has total authority; He's the only way to God; He's the only one worthy of your trust and the only one that you can depend on' OR if He's not that, He's lied to us.

He SAID He was but He's lied to us. He's deceived us. He's done worse than that - He's a demon. He's meaner than a deamon of hell because he said to my heart 'You follow Me and I'll forgive you of your sins. I'm gonna take you

to Heaven'. Or we COULD say 'no, you can't say He was a liar. He was a sincere man but He just didn't have sense enough to know what He was saying and you just have to brush Him off as a lunatic.'

But you cannot take Him asda great moral teacher. Listen, if He's not Lord, He's NOT a great moral teacher. Indeed, He is an immoral man indeed. He's lied at the highest level of life. What think ye of Jesus today? Do you He's Lord? Well, He IS. He's God and He's revealed everything about God and when we come to Him, we know God and we can KNOW we're going to God.

He's not a liar - everything He said is true and you'll never do it in your life except you know it's true. He's not a lunatic - everything He says is sound and wonderful and true. What a Gospel we have. What a Gospel we have. Jesus said to Phillip 'he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father, also. And how saith thou then show us the Father?'

Now this will never dawn upon Phillip completely until the HS reveals it.

Because it's a Truth greater than his mind can comprehend. But He goes on...

V. 10(read) Jesus never claimed to act independently of God. Always speaking the Words of the Father, acting out that which the Father told HIm to do from Heaven. Jesus, as a man, never claimed to do the works; it was the Father working through Him. That was how much of the Father there was in Him.

V.11(read) Believe I'm God - is what He's saying. Now you remember in John 10:38 I believe it was - this was the very word He spoke to His enemies. He says 'if you do not believe My words and My Claim, I point you to My works'. And I've never believed that anybody could take the Bible and see what JC has done and doubt that He's the Son of God.

I believe if I were a Hindu or a Mohammadan and had a Bible and knew that JC did what the Bible says, I would know that He was God. The works of Jesus prove that He is God because no one can do what He does, except He be God.

**No But isn't it bad when the Lord has to use, the argument to His people, that He uses to His enemies? This is the very word He spoke to His enemies.

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Says 'Phillip, look at My works." You think Phillip witnessed the resurrection of Lazrus? Why, of course he did. He saw all these wonderful things -'how cna you DOUBT that I am God'? And then He gives two of the greatest promises in the Bible.

V.12(read) (a) what a statement that is. He spoke of HIs own works; doing the wakx works of the Father and now He says 'the true believer in Me is gonna do the very works that I do. I've done the works of the Father in Heaven. It's gonna be your privilege to do the works which I have done.' Do you realize that the Lord has placed in the hands of His people the very works that He did in the world? We are the extension of the incarnation.

We're not just to mess around playing church - but to do the works that Jesus Himself did. Read (b) now: key word to the whole scripture is 'because'. Beause what? 'I go to My Father'. Here's one of the most astounding things in the Bible. He says 'you're going to do the works that I do (works LIKE I do) but you're gonna do GREATER works than I have done'.

Now He is not teaching here that anybody will do a greater work - in kind - than Jesus did. No one will ever do anything greater than raising Lazrus from the dead. But what He is teaching is that the scope of His work will be extended until what He did will be but a drop in the bucket, compared to what His followers are gonna do in the world. And did you know that's true?

Did you realize that when JC died and rose again and before Pentecost, there was only 120 followers in the upper room? That Jesus had never been beyond Palestine? He had never been into Europe? JC had never faced a corrupt city like Rome? He did not --- He was not faced with a tremendous immorality of the Roman world, like Paul was.

His ministry was basically confined in Palestine, in an area of about 75 miles. But, basically, in the area of Galilee. And in Judea. That's as far as Jesus ever went and had about 120 followers is ALL He had. What wake happened after He went to the Father? 'Because I go to My Father'. What is He talking about? He's talking about the coming of the HS upon the church.

'Because I go to My Father, you're going to do works far greater in scope than I have done; because I go to My Father, I'm gonna send the HS upon the church and I won't be just in Galilee and I won't be just in Jerusalem preaching and teaching. I won't be just delivering the Sermon on the Mount, but I will be preaching My Gospel through thousands of people all over the world at the same time'.

You see, Jesus was limited in His body. He limited HImself to time and space and HIs fellowship with the disciples was a matter of meeting with them and then departing. But after the HS came, Jesus is EVERYWHERE a believer is. Jesus is EVERYWHERE His church is meeting. Jesus is in EVERY witness all over the world at the same time. It's a thrill to my heart to know that I stand here today, teaching the Word of God, the HS is IN me; the HS is in this place, but He's in OTHER churches in the city. And He's all over the world, preaching and teaching at the same time. What if it were just dependent upon me? That's what Jesus is saying.

The HS is worldwide in His ministry and through the work of the HS, there is

absolutely no limit to the ministry of Jesus, for He is carrying xix on His great teaching, preaching and healing ministry throughout the world, right at this MOMENT. And before Jesus died, this was not the case.

So, on the day of Pentecost, they had one revival meeting and three thousand people are saved and there your membership goes up from 120 to 3000. Then in the 4th Ch. of Acts, there are 5 thousand MEN (it doesn't even mention the waxxxx women who are added to this) this would be 8120 and church historians tell us that just in a few years, a hundred thousand people were saved and a hundred thousand people, filled with the Spirit, went everywhere.

And this is God's plan for Exects evangelizing the world is not just one person here or one church, but the HS in every believer, in every church, teaching, preaching, ministering, doing the great works of God. And, boy, that's exciting. That's exciting! And no matter where I go, I'm not cut off from of Jesus Jesus at all. I feel the energy/in New Orleans just like I feel it here. And no church that really believes the Gospel is cut off from that energy and no preacher and no S.S. teacher and no one - how wonderful it is!

'Greater works than these shall ye do BECAUSE I go to My Father'. And that's the reason that I magnify the ministry of the HS and without which there is NO MInistry of Jesus. Without His work, there is no ministry but OUR ministry, in the flesh. Unless He's ministering through me today, I have no ministry. It's but my own tired intellect, trying to instruct people and it doesn't bless and it doesn't save and it's not the work of Jesus. The work of Jesusis done through the work of the HS.

Do you feel the energy of the HS in your life? Sure you do. I've felt suc energy of the HS, teaching in xxxx New Orleans Seminary. ENERGY! Have

you learned to depend upon the energy? Of Jesus? What a wonderful thing it is, working in your body. Working in your mind. Working in the way you deal with people. That's Jesus, the HS - you dont' see the spirit, but that's Jesus - the Spirit of Love and of Grace and of Good Will. That's Jesus.

That's what He's talking about. But He doesn't ONLY say 'I will xxx send the HS that will enable you to do these tremendous works, but He says something else, in

V.13(read). Now, these are the two greatest promises in the Bible, to the believer: I will send the Spirit. But in V.13 - Jesus says 'I'm going to give you an authority in prayer whereby you can get what you ask through prayer'. Do you realize that the church of the Lord, if it can pray in Jesus name, could pray the dictators off their throne? We have a weapon that's greater than all the neuclear arsenal of this world. But it isn't a blank check.

This is the reason that a lost man can't pray. You can't pray til you have the BLOOD of Christ NAMEN applied to your heart because tou can't come to a Holy God except standing in His name. I'm not worthy to approach Him -- no

one is. But in Him I have an audience with the Father because He has died for my sins and the Way's open. Heb. 4: 14-16 (I don't have time to quote this).

But it doesn't only mean this - I pray as the representative of Jesus. I pray as Jesus Himself would pray. As a matter of fact, when I really pray, the Father looks past Bill Bennett to Jesus, behind me, who's praying through me to the Father. Therefore, real praying is but the expression of the will and mind of Jesus TO the Father and the Father will, absolutely, HEAR Jesus, when He prays.

Now, it very obvious to all of us, that <u>all</u> kind of prayers do not fit that pattern. I could never pray for revenge in the name of Jesus, could I? And I can't pray for something just for my own selfish pride and grandiosment (?), I cannot pray in Jesus' name. But I -CAN pray in Jesus' name for things pertaining to the Kingdom of God and especially for my fellows. That which will bring glory to the Father in Heaven and that which will rejoice the heart of the Son, when I pray in the name as a child of God, Jesus says 'I WILL do it'.

What a power! What a POWER! And my experience has been, when Jesus has impressed my heart that He was praying through me, that I just prayed and the thing happened; the miracle of God happened. And our lives ought to be filled with miracles as we pray in the name of the Son to the Father; the Son actually praying through us and we actually asking for that very thing that JC Himself would ask.

Tread that during the administration of Abraham Lincoln that someone tried to get an audience with the President and he could not but he did get on the Whitehouse lawn and he failed to get in to the President and he was leaving

the lawn of the Whitehouse - in those days not guarded like it is now - and there was a young boy that saw him leaving and he said 'why are you leaving?' He said 'well, I've tried to see the President and I can't see him'. And this boy said 'I'll take you in to see the President'. Said 'Oh, you will? Can you get me to the President?'

Boy said 'I have no doubt I can get you to the President'. And he said 'wonderful'. And he took him right to where the President was and he said 'and sir, who are you?' Said 'I'm the son of the President'. 'I'm Abraham Lincoln's son'. You see, Jesus can get right to where the Father is, you know. And we stand in Jesus and we pray in the name of Jesus and we pray the will of Jesus and the purpose of Jesus - Jesus says 'I will do it'.

Isn't that wonderful? No wonder we can do greater works than He did. If the knrkkrx church would just pray in Jesus' name today - what in the world we could do - oh! What we could do and what YOU can do as an individual believer. Let's pray in His name.

V. 14(read) and V. 15: it's not a command. It is a statement. 'If you love Me' He said 'you WILL keep my commandments'. That's what He says. What is the test of our love for Jesus? Is it our profession? Is it our noise? Is it our words? NO. I see the stickers on the automobiles says 'Honk if you love Jesus'. Well, it's all right for you to honk. I like to see that and I'l honk at you and that' H be all right. But it's not the proof of my loving Jesus

Anybody can honk. But the proof of loving Jesus is keeping His commandments. Is obeying Jesus. Obeying Jesus is not a sentiment; a cheap motion. But obeying Jesus is FOLLOWING Him, doing His Will. And He says 'if you love Me, you WILL'. No if's and and's about it. You Will Keep My Commandments.

But He's not teaching a new Jewish legalism for us. He's teaching an obedience that comes out of our hearts spontaneously - out of love that is a part of our lives. We obey Him - not under compulsion - kex but because we're impelled in our hearts. Not to keep a law but just simply to express our love.

We just do it because we love Jesus. And that's the greatest thing in the world. St. Augustine, in the early century, said 'Love Jesus and do what you please'. Not too bad, if you understand what he's saying. The great theologian says 'love Jesus and do what you please'. If you love Jesus, you'll do what pleases Jesus. I am convinced the longer I preach and the longer I deal with people, that Xtn-ity is loving Jesus. It's not a system of theology. It's not a lot of ritual and understanding of this and that.

It is a relationship with a person - my heart is FULL toward Him adn I but express it in my obedience to Him. And that makes it on the basis of Grace and Love and makes it so wonderful and so fulfilling in my life. Just that relationship with Jesus. John says in I John 5:3 (read) that is, His Command-EXMIXEX ments are not burdensome. It's not burdensome to do that which you love.

It isn't burdensome. It isn't burdensome for me to preach. It can get physically tiring; it's not burdensome for me to teach this class. I love it! Should not be burdensome for us to do these things. Now satan, sometimes, will get us tired and get us discouraged - the best of us - but really Xtn service, at it's best, is not burdensome. But it's a joyous overflow of our lives toward God. Obedience. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

And out of this obedience comes every blessing of God. We'll see this later on. When I obey God, then He gives me everything. Until I DO Obey Him, He holds back. The key to the Xtn life is obedience. It's not understanding.

There are some things we never will understand. It's just DOING what God impresses our heart to do. And when we do it, He reveals more and more and more and we love Him more and more and more. If you love ME, you WILL keep My commandments AND [notice] AND (that's linked with V. 16)

V.16(read) whom does the Lord give the HS to? To those who obey Him. ABsolutely. A person - you want to be filled with the Spirit - you want to have the energy of Jesus - just obey Jesus. It's just that simple. And Jesus says 'if you Keep My commandments, I will pray the Father and He will send you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever'.

You say, well, in other words, the HS would not have come, had the dix disciples not obeyed Jesus? The HS would have come in the dispensation of the Plan of God if NOONE had ever obeyed Jesus. But on a personal level, as far as His coming in to YOUR life and filling your life and empowering your life, it's DIRECTLY dependent on our obedience. And that's the reason that satan and the world and people will talk you out of obeying Jesus, even to the point of making a profession of faith; even to the point of being baptized.

This is the reason that it's hard to get people to do this. NAXXXXX It's because it's in little things - it's not necessarily BIG things. We begin with our profession of faith; we begin with baptism - its harder to get a person to make a profession of faith in church and be baptized, than it is to win him to Christ. Some people don't understand what's going on. You see, when you obey Jesus in the little things, He begins to reveal to you the BIG things. But until we obey Him in the simple things, we're locked in' to ourselves.

One person was saved but would not obey Christ in profession of faith and baptism. This is simply the command of Christ - not of Baptist or denomination. Christ says 'confess me' and Christ says 'be baptized'. And this person would not do it, though the person kxx knew the Bible said to do this. So the person was reading the Bible and ran across a passage; didn't understand and so he said 'Lord, what does this mean?' The Lord said 'I'm not gonna tell you'. 'Well, why?' 'Because I've already told you to be baptized and to confess Me before men and you refused. Until you do what I've revealed to you, I'm not gonna reveal anything else to you'.

Here's one of the secrets of the Xtn life - I believe this is one of the secrets of the preachers life. I believe that if, in early ministry, a pastor does not move out with God and listen to the voice of God, I believe that he will find himself, in just a little circle of Truth, and after a while, he's exhausted everything.

I believe that if I obey the Lord, that more and more of the Truth will burst in my soul and every year I live, God will be revealing to me. God wants us to be obedient and just humble, believing servants. Not clever. It's not the clever man; it's not the man with the PHD; it's not the man who can argue - IT'S THE MAN WHO DARES TO BELIEVE WITH SIMPLE FAITH AND JUST DO WHAT JESUS SAYS That's the Xtn Life.

'And I'll pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter, that He may dwell with you forever'. Now we're in to a tremendous study here that wilkxx we'll be in for two or three weeks. 'I'm going to pray the Father'-- what is He talking about? Talking about the coming of the HS. 'I'm going to pray the Father'... you see, He's already announced to them that He's going away. But He says 'I'm not going to leave you - I'm going away in my physical body, but I'm going to pray the Father that He send you another KXMXXXX (and this word 'another' is 'another like unto Myself'). The Greeks had two words for

'another'. They had the word 'hederross' - you see we get our word 'hederogenius' which meant another of an entirely different kind. And then they had another word for 'another' - 'allos' which meant 'another of the same kind'.

Jesus is saying 'I'm going to leave you but I'm going to ask the Father to send you another kin of the same kind 'allos' Comforter. I'm gonna send you another person like unto Myself'.

What one scholar calls our 'alter ego' (our other self). Jesus says 'I'm gonna send My other self'. Now, notice in your Bible that this one that Jesus is going to sen (course we know this to be the HS) is called Comforter, in your Bible. Probably in the King James Version. The word is so tremendous can't even be translated. This word 'comforter' in the John 14:16 is the word 'para (I hope you can read this from the back) para-rocletos' - we pronounce it in the Greek. See that word 'I'm going to send you a pararocletos. You say 'well, what in the world does that mean?' I never use big words and not explain them. That's the only way I can do it.

You see this word 'para'? You've heard of the Para-church organizations?
That means 'alongside'. That's what that means. You see this word here?
That's the verb 'to call'. 'I'm going to call another like unto Myself,
alongside of you and He will dwell with you forever'. Do you realize that

Jesus Christ HAD to go to Heaven in order for God to be utterly REAL to man?

When Jesus went to Heaven, He became more real than He was when He was in the flesh to the disciples. They understood/a great deal more. Why? Because you can't stuff a body into another body. And when He came in the form of the Spirit, He entered in to man. Into the mind of man; into the heart of man - to teach things that He said He could not even teach them in the flesh.

If you had met Simon Peter after the day of Pentecost and said 'Simon, it must

have been wonderful to have heard Jesus deliver the Sermon on the Mount and it must have been wonderful to have walked with Jesus on the sea of Galilee.

Oh, if I could have had that privilege!'- Simon Peter would have rebuked you!

He would have said 'I understand a great deal more about Jesus since the coming of the HS than I ever understood when I was right in His physical presence and heard HIm speak'. You see, the teacher is the Spirit of God. And internal work of God. It's not the mind of God. It's not the eye of God. It's the internal work of God in the person of the HS and here is where we are totally and absolutely dependent. I can go to the Bible myself; I can study (God requires me to do that) I can work through; I can think through; Biblical Truth; I can come up to a certain point but at a certain pixxx point, I'm stopped.

My mind cannot comprehend it; I can't enter in to it. And sometimes, I cannot for the moment, enter in to it and maybe for days, God holds me there. Sometimes - years. But, suddenly, in one moment, the HS SHOWS me the Truth of God. All Truth comes from Him today. Not only the Truth of religion but the Truth of science. Here's medicine; all the truth of modern medicine has come through the ministry of the HS. God uses even unregenrate men. He doesn't have a relationship with them, but He uses them.

The Salk vaccine - where in the world did that come from - why did they not have it a hundred years before? They were working on it. They worked and the worked and they came up to a point - they could not go any further. Then they were stalled for years and suddenly, the HS burst it upon the mind of this man. It's absolutely indescribable what we have today, in the great teaching ministry ax in the presence of God in the HS. If the church will simply open it's heart and BELIEVE this message, we'll be in touch with the reality of God. And without which, we dont' have it.

I've been in the Seminary lectureing and praying and feeling in my jeart and oh, what scholarship - my goodness! Those professors having spent their lives - all of them having their earned doctorates and written books. They can read the Greek N.T. They can speak Hebrew, German, Latin, Eugritic, Acadian and all these things and oh, it's unbelieveable. They can quote the N.T. in Greek and you're just overwhelmed with this tremendous knowledge and yet, in the midst of all of it, I have a question 'Where is the LIVING SPIRIT OF GOD WHO TEACHES US?' WHERE IS GOD?

And I've been talking a week to my students about the need of letting the HS fill their lives and teach them the Truth. You don't know the Truth just because you know a verse of Scrip. You know it only when the Spirit of God has taken that Truth and taught you the inner man, until you KNOW that you KNOW that you KNOW!! Have you ever heard preaching - it was the Bible but there was something lacking?

What was lacking? Have you ever heard teaching and the Bible was taught but there was something lacking? That thing which was lacking was that personal knowledge that comes through His ministry. I can't any more than just introduce this this morning. I want you to come back. You take this word 'paracocletos' - it's translated 'comforter' in your Bible. He IS the greatest comforter in all this world.

When you're in sorrow; when you're in illness; when you're in the hospital;

when you are not alone, if you are a child of God. He is there. How wonderful. But He's more than a Comforter. He is Comforter; and we have Him
so described in the King James Version; The Living Bible and Berkley - they
all translate it 'Comforter' but this would limit His work tremendously. We
need MORE than a Comforter. We NEED a Comforter, but He's MORE than a Comforter

Moffat and the New American Standard Version translate Him 'Helper'. He's our Helper.

And it's translated by that - in that way by Moffat and the New American Standard Version. He's called another helper by Williams in Good News. Just 'another helper'. But not only is He called 'Comforter'; 'Helper' and 'another helper' but He's called a 'Counselor'. The Revised Standard Version in Weiss calls Him an Counselor. That's the way they translate this word 'paracletus'.

He's called a Counselor. And then He's called inx an 'Advacate'. He interceeds. Then the New English Bible and the Jerusalem Bible translates it 'Advacate' and the New American Bible, which is the Roman Catholic Bible, doesn't even TRY to translate it. They just say paraclete. And that's about as good as you can do. They said 'we can't translate it'. Then Phillips translates it 'one to stand beside 'wus' and then I translate it ... I'll give you MY translation 'one who is able to cope with any problem you have in life'. That's the modern translation.

He's able to cope with ANY problem we have in life. If I pax appear to be excited about this - I AM - because this Truth changed my life. When I couldn't carry on and when I was too ignorant to do ANYTHING, God showed me that I had a great Teacher, and I had a great Helper and I had a great Comforte and I had a great Counselor and I had a great Advacate and I had One who was standing beside me and I had One who could cope with ANY problem that I had.

Jesus Christ went to Heaven that God might be utterly personal to us in the HS. And He's on the inside of every believer and what I say to you today is: are you conscious of this? Do you consciously depend upon Him? Do you live on His energy? Do you LET Him teach you? Do you let Him guide you? Do you

let Him be your Life? That's what He wants to be. ANd it's but the life of Jesus. That's all it is. Is Jesus alive; Jesus real IN you?

You know anybody who calls himself a Xtn and is not excited has never been introduced to this Truth that I'm talking about. I see so many Xtns who seem to me to have no reallexcitement. Well, Gods the most exciting thing in the world. You know, enthusiasm - business puts a lot of emphasis on enthusiasm. You know what enthusiasm means? It comes from the Greek.

It's kmkx 'enthaos' 'in God'. In God! Listen, we're IN God. If we're a believer and everything God is, we HAVE, in Jesus; the HS has come. We ought not walk around defeated and we ought not try to go on our own power but to go on His power because He's come - not to separate Himself from us - but He's come that He might abide with us forever.

And I believe that if we could get this message across to the fifty thousand people in Ft. Smith that you can't get in a church, I believe they'd come. I don't believe they understand what's in Xtn-ity. I think they think it's just an intellectual thing. A religion - a relationship to a church - ix a ritual, ceremony, not a LIVING relationship with God where God is utterly person, utterly real and utterly available to us!

If you're a believer, I hope you leave here this morning with this consciousness in your heart that God LIVES - All He is on the inside of you. And He wants to energize your life and to teach you and to guide you and to make you excited.