

QUESTIONS:

“Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” (Part 1)

John 14:15-29 (ESV)

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is 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?**”

Jesus expects us to obey Him, to keep His commandments.

But how are they going to be able to obey? What power can help them to obey?

To live in obedience to the Lord requires supernatural power. We need a helper.

In John’s gospel, Jesus indicates several ways in which the Holy Spirit will help His followers.

1. He will help us live in truth. (REF John 16:13)

¹⁷ “even the Spirit of truth”

2. He will teach them the things of God.

²⁶ “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things.”

3. The Holy Spirit will help them to remember.

²⁶ “and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

4. He will help them to experience peace and fearlessness.

²⁷ “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

5. He will help them to witness to the reality of Jesus; who Jesus is and what He has come to do.

John 15:26 (ESV)

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”

REFLECTION:

* In what ways am I experiencing the help of the Holy Spirit?

* Do I grieve Him or quench Him or do I give Him much joy?