



Escrow: Deposit & Conveyance; Spiritual Life of Church Age: Imitates Adam's & Replicates Christ's; System Prophesied, John 14:15-17, 21, 26; 15:9-10

35. The amazing fact is that all these blessings have already been imputed to the Church Age believer in eternity past and will be conveyed when each believer reaches spiritual maturity:
- Ephesians 1:3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed [aorist participle: εὐλογέω, *eulogeō*] us with every spiritual blessing [**escrow blessings for time & eternity**] in the heavenly places [**the depository**] in Christ [**the escrow Officer**],**
- v. 4 - just as He chose us in Him [**main verb: ἐκλέγω, *eklegō*: election**] before the foundation of the world, that we should be hold and blameless before Him.**
36. In Greek grammar, the action of the aorist participle, “has blessed” (verse 3), precedes the action of the main verb, “election” (verse 4).
37. There are a great number of challenges that are designed to prevent the believer from getting to spiritual maturity and Paul is facing them in the context of Romans 7.
38. When filled with the Holy Spirit, Paul's spiritual life imitates that of Adam before the fall and replicates that of Jesus Christ in the Incarnation.
39. Prior to the fall Adam was perfect being free of sin and he therefore possessed Perfect Life.
40. In the Incarnation, our Lord was filled with the Holy Spirit at the moment of the Virgin Birth and never lost this power.
41. Further, He grew in grace to the point of spiritual maturity by age 12 and continued to execute the Father's plan throughout His earthly ministry.
42. The Lord was challenged by temptations at both the start and finish of His public ministry. He was challenged by Lucifer three times in Matthew 4:1-11.
43. He was challenged by Lucifer the night of His Passion by the Satan-influenced Judas Iscariot whose mission was to keep the Lord off the cross in hopes that He would be forced to set up His millennial kingdom.
44. Ever-increasing pressure was imposed upon the Lord throughout the night and it continued through the trials and crucifixion following His arrest in Gethsemane.
45. During all of this our Lord maintained an impeccable life by means of the filling of the Holy Spirit and steadfast volitional decisions not to submit to the temptations imposed during His Passion.
46. This system and our Lord's execution of it was the prototype demonstration of the sophisticated spiritual life that He would bequeath to believers of the Church Age.
47. Note the Lord's instructions to His apostles during the Upper Room Discourse:

John 14:15 - “If you love Me, you will keep my commandments.



v. 16 - “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

v.17 - that is the Holy Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He resides with you, and will be **with** you.”

NOTE: There is a typographical error in verse 17 which must be corrected. The final prepositional phrase, “*with* you” is incorrect and we need to take time to explain why it is.

John 14:17

The Lord has informed the eleven apostles in verse 16 that He is going to ask the Father to send them a *Paraklitos*, a “Helper,” identified in verse 17 as the Holy Spirit.

Please note the change in the wording of John 14:17. The last clause should read, “and will be **in** you,” not “*with* you.”

This statement, as noted, is a part of the Upper Room Discourse. It takes place during the Incarnation which is superjacent to the dispensation of Israel. The apostles gathered in John Marks’s home are functioning under the spiritual life of Israel during which there is no “indwelling or filling” of the Holy Spirit except on a very select basis called enduement.

In verse 17, the Lord tells the eleven that the world cannot receive the Holy Spirit “because it does not behold Him or know Him.”

He then goes on to say that the apostles “know Him because He resides with you.” The verb “resides” is the present active indicative of:

μένω, <i>menō</i> -	“to remain”
present:	Durative; denotes that which has begun in the past and continues into the present.
active:	Holy Spirit produces the action.
indicative:	A statement of fact.

What follows is a prepositional phrase. The preposition is the locative of place of:

παρ, <i>par</i> -	“by the side of,” followed by the locative plural of the pronoun:
σύ, <i>su</i> -	“you”

The title that the Lord gave the Holy Spirit in verse 16 is “Helper.” The Greek word is:

Παράκλητος, <i>Paraklētos</i> -	“A person called to one’s side as an aid, assistant, counselor, or advocate.”
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This lines up with the fact that during the Lord’s public ministry these men have been assisted by the presence of the Holy Spirit with them. Therefore the translation so far reads like this:

John 14:17 - “... that is the Holy Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He has continuously remained by your side ...”

The final clause begins with the present active indicative of the verb:

εἰμί, <i>eimi</i> -	“and will be”
present:	Futuristic; denotes an event which has not yet occurred, but which is regarded as so certain that in thought it may be contemplated as already coming to pass.



active: The Holy Spirit will produce the action in the future. This is a prophecy by our Lord of the events of Pentecost some fifty days hence.

indicative: This is a statement of future historical fact, fulfilled in Acts 2.

The prepositional phrase that ends the verse begins with the locative of place of the proposition:

ἐν, *en* - "in"

This preposition when in the locative case may be translated "in, on, at, within, or among." We know from the revelation contained in Acts and the epistles of the New Testament that the Holy Spirit indwelt the believers at Pentecost and, at salvation, indwelt all subsequent believers. In addition, through the use of the rebound technique, the Holy Spirit also fills each believer in the Church Age.

The corrected translation of:

John 14:17 - "... that is the Holy Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He will continue to remain by your side and He will be in you."

v. 21 - "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."

John 14:26 - "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 that I said to you."

48. As Jesus and His apostles leave the Upper Room and begin their walk to the Garden of Gethsemane, the Lord continued His commentary to them in:

John 15:9 - "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; reside in My love."

v. 10 - "If you keep My commandments, you will reside in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and reside in His love."

49. From these passages we observe that the divine system God invented and gave to the Lord at His physical birth enabled Him to maintain status quo perfection throughout the Incarnation.

50. It is this very same system He describes to His apostles in these passages: the divine power to remain perfect inside the boundaries of divine love.

51. Just as Jesus Christ remained perfect in His true humanity inside this system, so also may Church Age believers, as long as they function inside the operational system made available to them.

52. It is a divine system, energized by the Holy Spirit, advanced by knowledge of His commandments, and motivated by an ever increasing reciprocal love for God and for Christ.

53. The key component of the system is the verb love:

ἀγαπάω, *agapaō* - "love"

54. This word is used by every speaker of every language to mean practically anything. But what does it really mean?