

## Names of God part 24

Name: Paraclete (par-a-klete)

Passage: John 14:15-27

God now reveals Himself by one of His most intimate names that He uses in relationship to believers. Now, He introduces Himself as Paraclete. Paraclete comes from 2 different Greek words: Para and Clete. Para means along with or along side of. Clete means called. So a Paraclete is one who is called alongside to help. God has given us His Holy Spirit to dwell with us and helps, console, and strengthen us. (John 14:15-27)

Now, let us answer 3 questions about the Paraclete:

First, who is the Paraclete?

The Paraclete is the third person in the trinity. (John 14:17, 26; 16:13) He is equal in power and person to the Father and Son. He was sent to us in place of Christ. (John 14:16) Lastly, He is the representative of God the Father here on earth. (John 14:18)

Second, what is the Paraclete's role?

He is to represent us and present our needs to the Father. (Romans 8:26-27; Hebrews 7:25) He reveals to us God's truth as we study the Bible. (John 14:26; 16:7-13) Also, he is here to give comfort, encouragement, and consolation to Christians. (John 14:18, 27)

Third, how does the Paraclete comfort us?

The Holy Spirit comforts us by being our prayer partner and bring request to God even when we don't know the words to say. (Romans 8:26-27; Philippians 4:6-7) As we study the Scriptures, He is our teacher. (John 14:26) Lastly, He is there for us when we are hurting. (I Corinthians 1:3-7)

Without the Paraclete, we could never make it through the day. Christ knew that we would need help in our daily battles of life; therefore, He provided us with the Holy Spirit.

Paraclete, we praise you and thank you for being our comforter, teacher, and prayer partner. There is truly no one else like you. Without you, we would be lost in the daily struggles of life. Thank you for coming to our aide and for being there to bring comfort!