

# No Holy Spirit, No Peace

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In Ecclesiastes 4:1 Solomon is describing how, living without God (“under the sun,”) one’s world is very violent and oppressive.

“Then I returned and \_\_\_\_\_ all the \_\_\_\_\_ that is done \_\_\_\_\_: And look! The tears of the oppressed, But they have no \_\_\_\_\_ -- On the side of their oppressors *there is* power, But they have no comforter. Ecclesiastes 4:1

considered oppression under the sun comforter



Solomon is also describing how people living “under the sun” have no one to turn to for relief and comfort!



**Life “under the sun” is a terrible existence:**

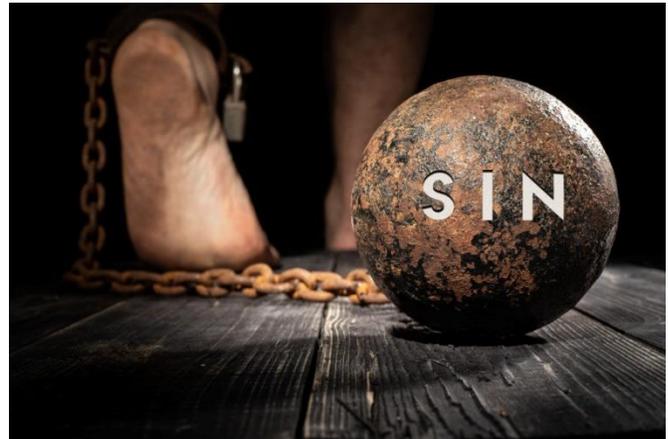
<sup>2</sup> Therefore I praised the dead who were already dead, More than the living who are still alive. <sup>3</sup> Yet, better than both *is he* who has never existed, Who has not seen the evil work that is done \_\_\_\_\_ .” Ecclesiastes 4:2,3

under the sun

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**Romans 7:15-24 illustrates an oppressive life without the comfort of the Holy Spirit:**

<sup>15</sup> For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. <sup>16</sup> If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good. <sup>17</sup> But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but \_\_\_\_\_ . <sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. <sup>19</sup> For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but \_\_\_\_\_ . <sup>21</sup> I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God according to the \_\_\_\_\_ . <sup>23</sup> But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. <sup>24</sup> O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" Romans 7:15-24

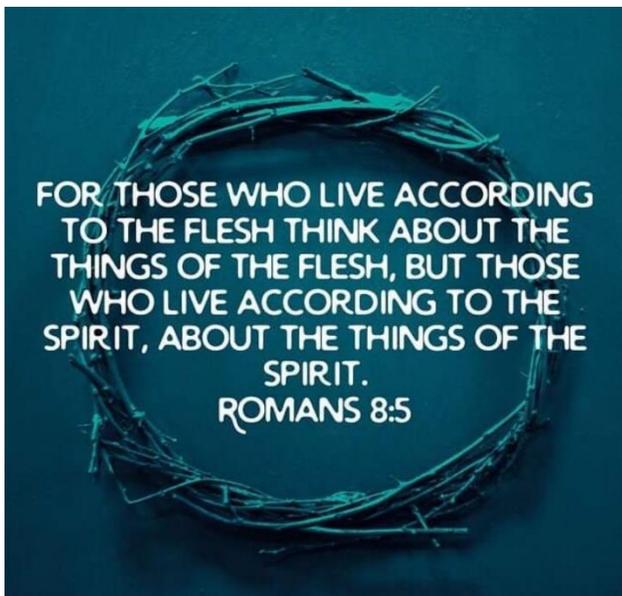


sin that dwells in me                      sin that dwells in me  
 inward man

**Romans 8 illustrates life with the comfort of the Holy Spirit:**

<sup>1</sup> *There is* therefore now no \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ and death . . . <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be \_\_\_\_\_ . <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be." Romans 8:1-7

condemnation      Spirit      free      law of sin  
 spiritually minded *is* life and peace



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**James wrote about people who were trying to get relief and comfort from the world:** “Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your \_\_\_\_\_ that war in your members? <sup>2</sup> You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may \_\_\_\_\_.” James 4:1-3

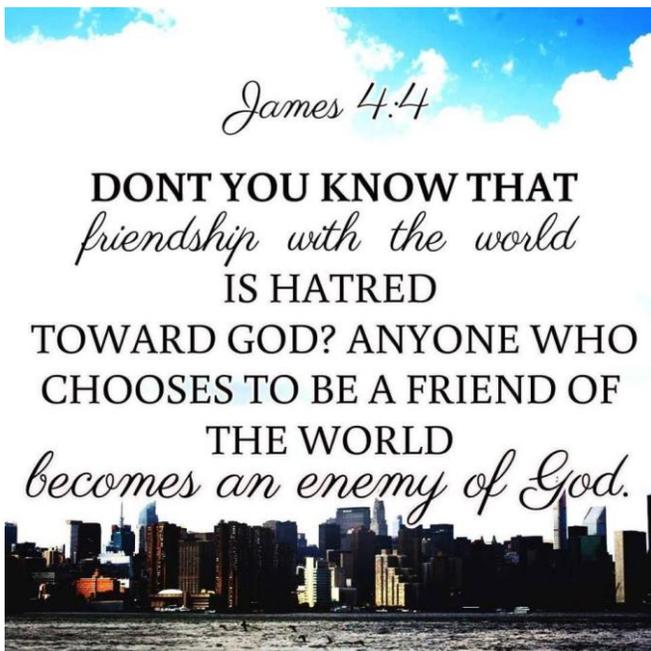
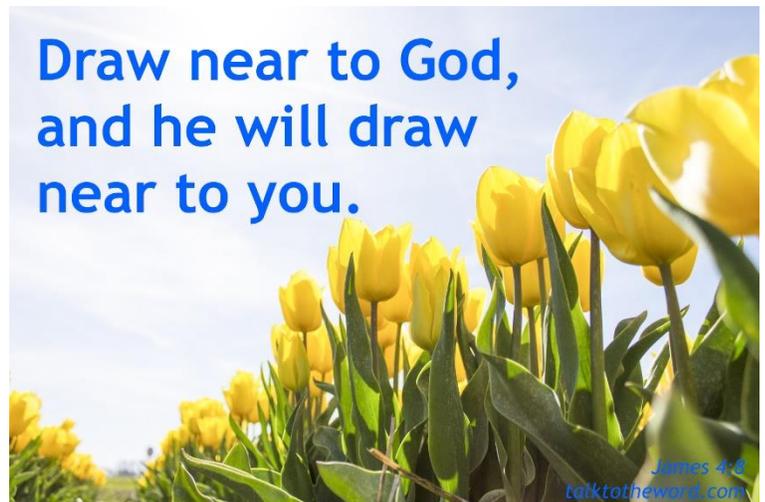
desires for pleasure spend it on your pleasures

**The Holy Spirit wants us to turn to Him for relief and comfort:** “Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, " \_\_\_\_\_ " ? <sup>6</sup> But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." James 4:4-6

The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously

**This is God’s prescription for those who are suffering and looking for relief and comfort:** “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. \_\_\_\_\_ and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up” James 4:7-10

Draw near to God Humble



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**John chapters 14, 15, and 16 contain a message about Holy Spirit comfort that was only directly to and for the apostles. This same message is indirectly to us living in this world today! The apostles enjoyed a miraculous measure of Holy Spirit help and comfort. They did not have the Scriptures to read and study.**

**We receive a non-miraculous measure of help and comfort of the Holy Spirit, as we read and study the Scriptures:** "...that we through the patience and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ might have hope. <sup>5</sup> Now may the God of patience and \_\_\_\_\_ grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus." Romans 15:4-5

**comfort of the Scriptures  
Comfort**

The phrase "another helper" means that the Holy Spirit was offering the same comfort and help to the apostles like Jesus was providing: "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you \_\_\_\_\_ . . . the Spirit of truth . . ."

John 14:16,17

**Another Helper**



The Holy Spirit comforts us with peace: "But \_\_\_\_\_, 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. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:26-27

**the Helper, the Holy Spirit**

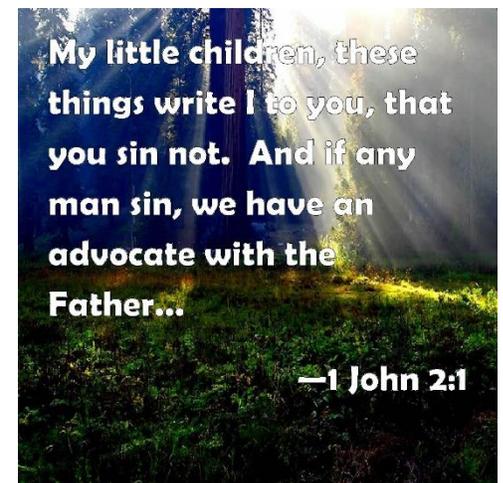
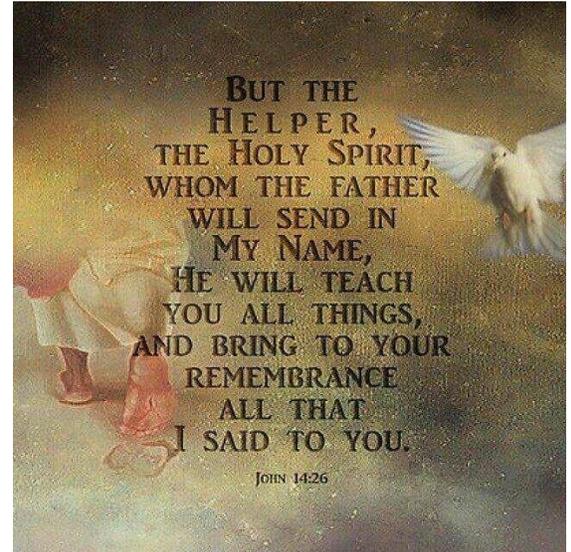


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**Here is the definition for the word  
“Helper” in Vines Dictionary:**

**A – 5: παράκλητος** (Strong's #3875 — Noun Masculine — parakletos — par-ak'-lay-tos ) lit., "called to one's side," i.e., to one's aid is primarily a verbal adjective, and suggests the capability or adaptability for giving aid. It was used in a court of justice to denote a legal assistant, counsel for the defense, an advocate; then, generally, one who pleads another's cause, an intercessor, advocate, as in 1 John 2:1 , of the Lord Jesus. In the widest sense, it signifies a "succorer, comforter." Christ was this to His disciples, by the implication of His word "another (allos, "another of the same sort," not heteros, "different") Comforter," when speaking of the Holy Spirit, John 14:16 . In John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7 He calls Him "the Comforter." "Comforter" or "Consoler" corresponds to the name "Menahem," given by the Hebrews to the Messiah.

**Therefore, Vines Dictionary is telling us that the Holy Spirit took over Jesus' role on earth as an advocate, comforter and helper to people who ask for and receive Him into their hearts!**



What are three words that describe the Holy Spirit?

**Comforter, Helper, Advocate**



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Here are some Scriptures about Holy Spirit comfort, help and peace:

“Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, they were multiplied.

Acts 9:31

in the comfort of the Holy Spirit



**The God of all**  
*Comfort*

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-11

“Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_,”

<sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

God of all comfort

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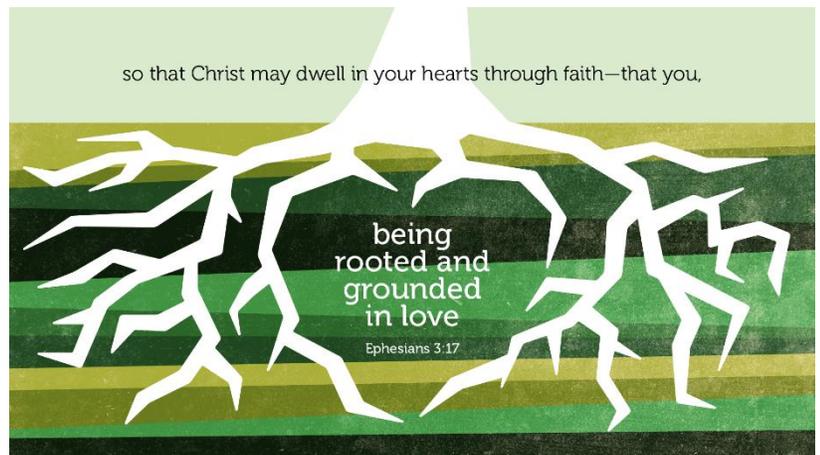
God designed the church to equip its members to survive and thrive in this hostile world:

“For the \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints for the work of ministry, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:12

equipping      edifying

“Finally, my brethren, \_\_\_\_\_ and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” Ephesians 6:10-13

be strong in the Lord      take up the whole armor of God



God’s prayer is for you to have this strong level of Holy Spirit help and comfort:

“That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be \_\_\_\_\_ with might, \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>17</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height-- <sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the \_\_\_\_\_.” Ephesians 3:16-19

strengthened      through His Spirit in the inner man      fullness of God