

Union in Christ

John 14:16-29

"True religion is a union of the soul with God, a real participation of the Divine nature, the very image of God drawn upon the soul. . . it is Christ formed within us." Henry Scougal

Holy Spirit comes through Christ (14:16-17a)

“My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,” –Galatians 4:19

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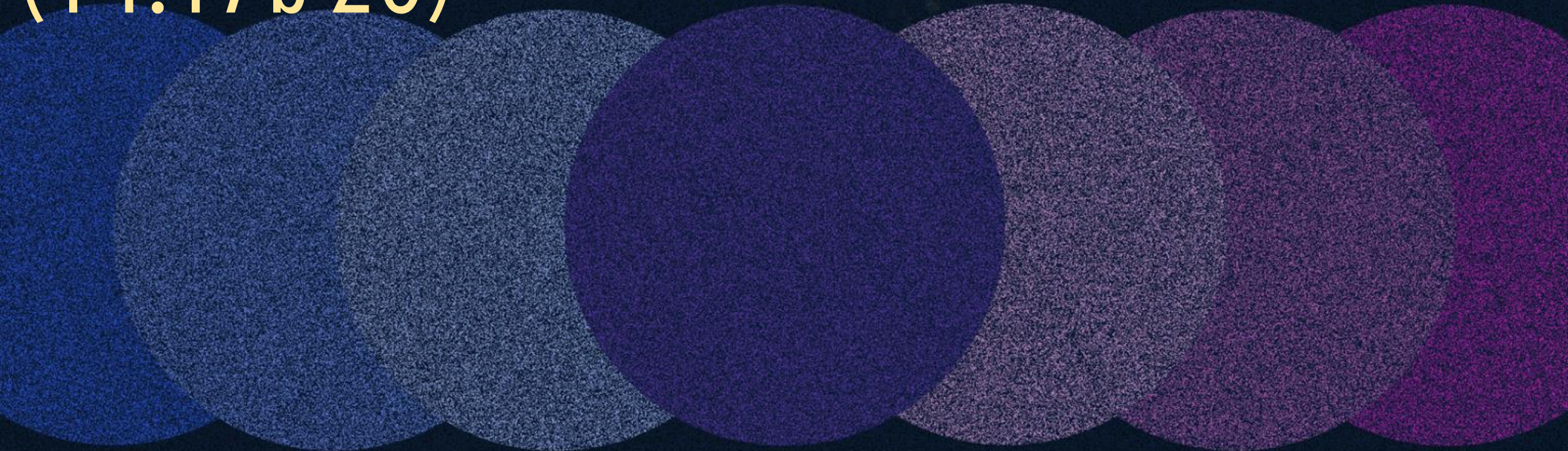
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another advocate to help you and be with you
forever— John 14:16

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“On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.” Zech. 13:1

"4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior," Titus 3:4-6

Jesus' Spirit is the life of his disciples (14:17b-20)



"Jesus is not so much a model as he is a substitute. He doesn't simply show us what to do and then expects us to do it. Here is the reality, both the bad and good news of the Gospel – we can't do what Jesus has done without Him. We are saved by the life of Jesus not by mimicking the life of Jesus. Jesus did not simply come to show us how to live; he came to live for us, in our place. The Gospel sees Jesus primarily as our substitute, not our model. . . . The commands of God have no power. They simply show us what we are supposed to do, but at the same time they show us how unable we are to do them. The commands of God show us God's holy character and his perfect demands, but they also reveal our sinfulness and our inability to keep those demands. We do not have the ability to do what God commands us to do. What we need is Someone to do it for us. . . . To believe that Jesus is simply our role model is to put the focus on us. It is to put great hope in our abilities. Our goal, then, is to try to get better. But to believe that Jesus is our substitute should produce humility and put the focus on Jesus. Little faith is required in a role model. When I learn how to do something from a model, what is required is not faith but hard work. But if I am depending on a substitute what is required of me is faith. I must believe that my substitute is able to do it. I must have faith in His abilities, I must distrust my own abilities, and I must accept his results as my own." –Tom Wood

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Rom.8:5-11

5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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Gal. 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Jn.17:20-23, 26

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

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Fruit of Union with Christ — (14:23-29)

- Receive all we ask from Jesus
- Love will characterize your life (vv. 23-24)
- Heart will be instructed by the Spirit (v. 26)
- Center of Peace will rule (v. 27)
- Gladness in the Spirit (v. 28)
- Confidence in Christ (v. 29)