

# The Other Comforter

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 14:12-18.

B. Many solutions to our problems lie in discovering one's identity.

C. Everything Jesus said and did grow out of His identity with His Father.

## II. The secret of our identity as believers is Jesus' indwelling in the believer and the believer's dwelling in Him.

A. Jesus promises not to leave the believer as an orphan.

B. Drawing upon Jesus' strength is the secret of life.

C. The day of the Spirit will be characterized by...

1. The coming of another Counselor.
2. The help of the Spirit to make us see reality as it really is.
3. The world not receiving the Spirit.
4. The Spirit operating within the believer.

## III. The believer will do greater works than Jesus did.

A. This is because with Jesus' departure is the Spirit's coming.

B. The miracles of Jesus have occurred occasionally among Christians, but the focus of the greater works is not on the miracles—the greater works are spiritual accomplishments.

C. That which is done in the flesh is temporal, but that which is done in the Spirit is permanent.

## IV. Jesus' method is prayer.

A. The condition is praying in Jesus' name.

B. To pray in Jesus' name means to pray in His place.

C. Praying in Jesus' name means that one accepts the process of death and resurrection that He gives.

## Application questions:

1. How would you respond to someone arguing that the believer today does do greater works than Jesus because he does not perform the miracles that He did?

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2. How is prayer the key to ministry?

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3. What steps can you take to build a more consistent prayer life today?

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