"When the Helper Comes"

Intro: As we consider our text this Lord’s Day and that these events took place on the eve of our Lord’s crucifixion, we find the Lord __________ carefully ________________ to His disciples, preparing them for what was to come.

A. Though Christ had demonstrated His great love for the ________________ through the humble service of washing their feet, and though He had instructed them to love one another, it nonetheless ________________ them to hear that they would be hated by the world on account of their love for Him.

B. With the disciple’s concern growing ___________ ________________ them by reminding them of the ________________ He made earlier that evening.

I. Jesus told the disciples of the ________________ who was __ ____________.

A. The Helper or ________________ is a living being whom Jesus Himself identified as the __________ ___________, whom by the Scriptures we know to be a member of the Godhead, the third member of our Triune God. The Helper is God, very ____________.

1. The Helper is the Holy Spirit who pleads God cause and who would, as Jesus said, be with His disciples forever (14:16), who would __________ them all things and ___________ to their remembrance all that He said to them (14:27). He is the Helper who would come to __________ the disciples (and all believers thereafter).

B. Assuring the disciples, Jesus spoke ________________ of a time ___________ the Helper would come.

1. Jesus re-emphasized the promise of the coming Holy Spirit by saying that He ________________ would __________ the Helper __________ the Father.

C. The ________________ is the Spirit of the ____________! He will speak the truth, minister the truth, and ____________ those whom He indwells in the truth! He can be and is to be trusted completely for He will not fail and cannot fail, for He is the Spirit of all truth.

II. The Helper came to bear ________________ __ ________________!

A. As the indwelling ________________ of truth bears the ________________ of Christ within the disciples there would be no contrary doctrines among them or false doctrines within them for the Spirit of truth would teach them all things pertaining to Christ (cf. 14:27). And there would be no disagreement in their memories of what Jesus told them for the Spirit would “bring to (their) remembrance all that (He) said to (them)” (14:27). The Helper would and did come to help the disciples by bearing perfect witness of the ________________ __ __ ____________!
III. Jesus told the ________________ that they would be ________________ of Him __________.

A. A.W. Pink wrote, “Here the Lord explains to the disciples how the ____________ would ________________ and of what [the testimony] would consist. He [the Helper] would not make any [bodily] manifestation of Himself as had the Son but He would bear witness in and ________________ the ________________. He would testify that which they had already seen in Him, and that which they had already heard from Him—nothing besides, essentially different or new. Thus it will be seen that the two ‘testimonies’ of (the Helper and the disciples) are not separate and independent, but natural and harmonious.”

B. The ________________ would become witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ withstanding the hatred of the world by the power of the ________________, proclaiming the truth of Christ as the Spirit of truth bore witness of Christ within them! And they would not just be witnesses, but ________________ of, as John the Beloved wrote, that which they heard with their own ears, and that which they has seen with their own eyes, and that which they had beheld and touched with their own hands! (cf. 1 John 1:1)

C. The Spirit’s witness and the disciples’ witness is one of the same with the disciples being men through whom the ______________ of Christ ______________ words, teachings, deeds, and Written ______________ (the Written Word of God).

Finally: As we consider the Great Commission of Matthew 28 where Jesus commanded the disciples saying, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I commanded you” we understand then that __________ too ____ __ ___ ________________ of Christ Jesus our Lord.

A. We who believe are indwelt by the same Holy ______________ who then bears witness of Christ ______________ ____. We are to continue in the tradition of the Apostles bearing witness of Christ the Lord for the Spirit ______________ ______________ in us!

B. Jesus said, “When the Helper comes ... He will bear witness of Me, and you will bear witness also.” Dear church, the Helper has come and He dwells in all who trust in Christ. So __________ now, let us ______________ __ ______________ that He would be glorified!