



Another Paraclete: the Abiding Spirit

John 14:16-17

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Pentecost Sunday A



Triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit

“Spirit is the loving, self-communicating, out-fanning and out-pouring presence of the eternal divine life of the triune God.”

Jurgen Moltmann

“By the Spirit, God draws near to us and mediates an experience of God’s self in a hundred thousand way.”

Clark Pinnock





The impact of the **Holy Spirit** is told through his presence in all chapters in God's Story

- ✓ Creation
- ✓ redemption
- ✓ salvation
- ✓ sanctification
- ✓ the church
- ✓ the mission of God
- ✓ the Last Things



John 14:16 *in translation*

NEW AMERICAN And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Advocate** to be with you always,

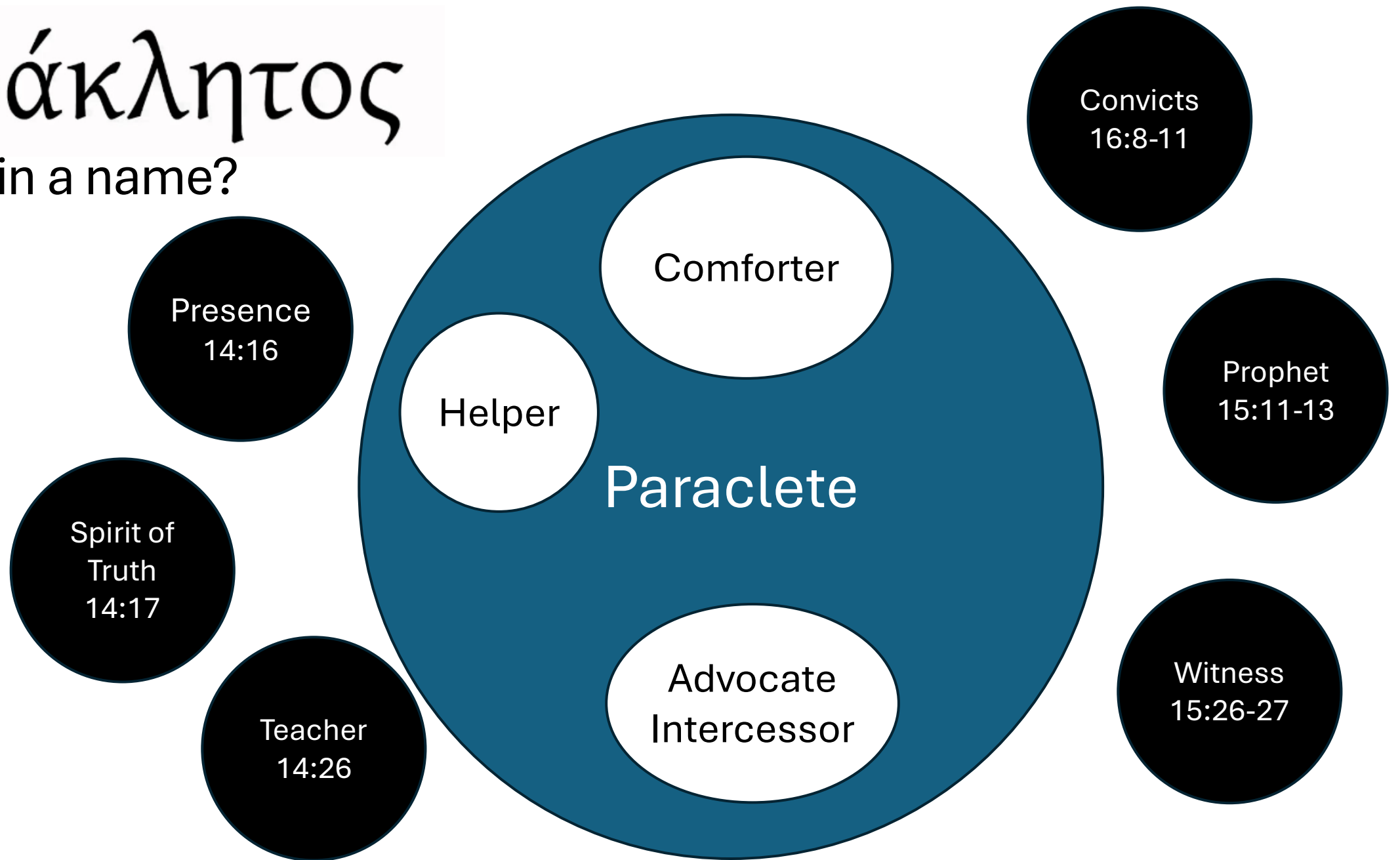
AMPLIFIED And I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor, Counsellor, Strengtheners, Standby)**, to be with you forever—

MESSAGE I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you **another Friend** so that you will always have someone with you.

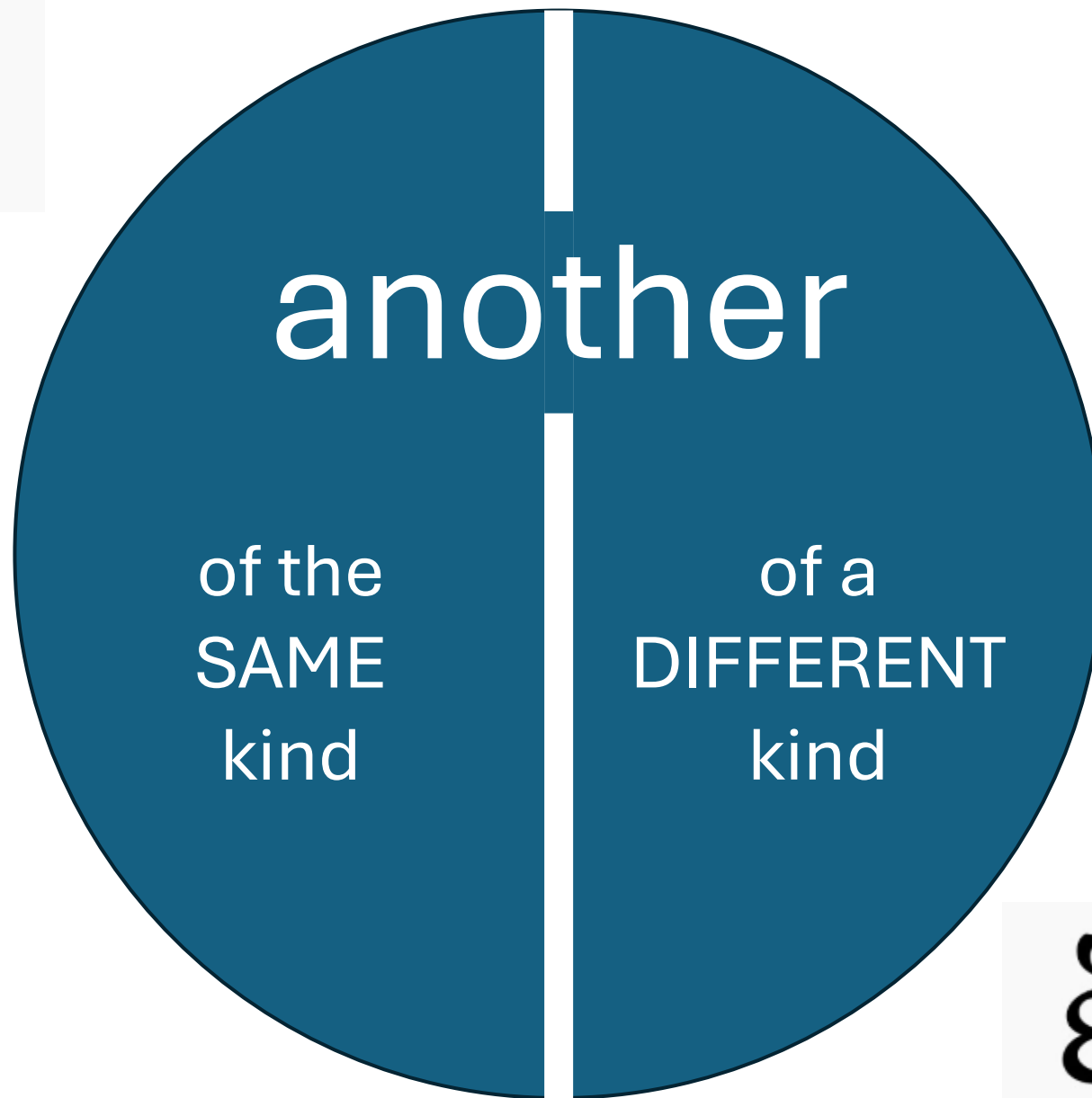


παράκλητος

What's in a name?



ἄλλος
allos



heteros
ἕτερος

ἄλλος παράκλητος

another paraclete...
just like Jesus



The Chosen TV series

another
of the
same kind

Jesus the Paraclete

1 John 2:1

If any person **sins**, we have an **Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One.

Holy Spirit as Intercessor

Romans 8:26-27

And the Holy Spirit **helps us in our weakness**. ...

The Holy Spirit **prays for us** with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ...

The Spirit **pleads for us** in harmony with God's own will



Another who is just like Jesus

Our language can make the Paraclete sound impersonal...Holy Spirit/Ghost, Wind, Breath, Dove, Flame of Fire, Baptism, Filling, Power (Force) but he is **personal, just like Jesus**.

It is appropriate to love the Holy Spirit and engage directly with the Paraclete, doing what we must in order to open ourselves up to an ever-deepening relationship with him.

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Come, Holy Spirit...





The Spirit guarantees Jesus' disciples the continuing presence of and access to God, and as such, the new paraclete continues the role of Jesus in the disciples' lives.

The new paraclete is
always with us;
we are never alone.





ANOTHER Helper, We are never Alone



“the one who mothers us...”

“the one who falls down beside us...”

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.

Galatians 5:25

We must actively open ourselves up to the Spirit, not passively wait to be overcome.

- We do not withhold any of ourself
- We do not set up “no go” areas