

What Remains? He Did Not Leave Us As Orphans

Ephesians 1:14 (CSB) *The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession...*

1. The Holy Spirit, his **presence**

John 14:16-17 (CSB) *...the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷ He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you.*

2. His **power**

Acts 1:8 (CSB) *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

3. His **gifts**

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (CSB) *A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good: ⁸ to one is given a message of wisdom through the Spirit, to another, a message of knowledge by the same Spirit, ⁹ to another, faith by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another, the performing of miracles, to another, prophecy, to another, distinguishing between spirits, to another, different kinds of tongues, to another, interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ One and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as he wills.*

4. His **communication**

John 14:26 (CSB) *But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything...*

5. His **inner strength**

Ephesians 3:16 (CSB) *I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit...*

6. His **unifying energy**

Ephesians 4:3 (CSB) *making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

A Pantheon of gods?

1 Corinthians 8:1-6 *Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. 2 If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. 4 Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." 5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as **indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"**— 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.*

Isaiah 45:18 *For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the LORD, and **there is no other.**"*

- a. "No other God besides me."
- b. This is not a statement of deniability: "There are no other gods."
- c. It is a statement of comparability: "There are no other gods like me."

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the LORD your God is **God of gods** and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God,

Psalms 89:5-7 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the **assembly of the holy ones**! 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? **Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD**, 7 a God greatly to be feared in the **council of the holy ones**, and awesome above all who are around him?

1. "Sons of god" is used many times throughout the Bible, yet of "**Jesus**" in John 3:16 it says he is the **"only begotten Son of God."**

- d. "**Monogenes**" translated "only begotten." The Greek word "monogeneses" is better translated "**unique**." Jesus is the "unique" son of God. He is clearly different than the rest of the sons of God.

- e. But Jesus himself claims to be one of the sons of God who make up the Divine Council. He is "unique" among the sons of God, being one of the Trinity, yet he sits on the Divine Council ruling and reigning with the Father. In fact his uniqueness qualifies him to sit at the **right hand of God the Father**. That is the place of highest authority.

Psalms 82:1-6 *God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: 2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah 3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. 4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked...." 6 I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;*

New Testament Summary Passages Always Unite Heaven and Earth

Ephesians 1:9-10 *making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.*

Ephesians 1:19-23 *and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

Ephesians 3:8-10 *To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*

Ephesians 3:14-15 *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,*

Ephesians 6:10-12 *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and*

blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1:16-20 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Notes on the Bad Guys from the New Testament

1 Timothy 4:1-2

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

Ephesians 6:12

1 Corinthians 8:1-6