Knowing the Helper

(Selected Scripture)

I. The Holy Spirit is a Person.

"The Holy Spirit relates to us as a person. He does things to us and for us, things that we normally associate with personal activity. He teaches us. He comforts us. He guides us. He encourages us. The way in which the Spirit comforts, guides, teaches, etc., is a personal way. As He performs these tasks, the Bible describes His activity as involving intelligence, will, feeling, and power. The Spirit searches, selects, reveals, and admonishes. In summary, we conclude that if the Holy Spirit can be loved, adored, obeyed, offended, grieved, or sinned against, He must be a person." - R.C. Sproul

II Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Philippians 2:1

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

II. The Holy Spirit is about <u>power</u>.

III. The Holy Spirit's help (power) is always available but always conditional.

"With the indwelling each Christian has all of the Spirit, but the command to be filled by the Spirit enables the Spirit to have all of the believer." – H. Hoehner

"Here is a command for believers to live continually under the influence of the Spirit by letting the Word control them (see Col. 3:16) pursuing pure lives, confessing all known sin, dying to self, surrendering to God's will, and depending on His power in all things. Being filled with the Spirit is living in the conscious presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, letting His mind, through the Word dominate everything that is thought and done. Being filled with the Spirit is the same as walking in the Spirit."

J. MacArthur