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## "WONDERFUL COUNSELOR"

<sup>e</sup> For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 NLT

<sup>23</sup> "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Matthew 1:23 NLT

The Trinity – One God in three persons.

- God the <u>Father</u>, God the <u>Son</u>, and God the <u>Holy Spirit</u>.
- Because of <u>Jesus the Son</u> we have access to <u>all of God</u>.
- Jesus tells us how he will be the <u>Wonderful Counselor</u>.

<sup>1</sup> "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. and trust also in me.<sup>2</sup> There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup> "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus told him. "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!" <sup>8</sup> Philip said. "Lord. show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. <sup>11</sup> Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do." <sup>12</sup> "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. <sup>13</sup> You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it,

so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. <sup>14</sup> Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"

## Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, obey my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holv Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. <sup>18</sup> No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live.<sup>20</sup> When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.<sup>21</sup> Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."<sup>22</sup> Judas (not Judas Iscariot. but the other disciple with that name) said to him, "Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself only to us and not to the world at large?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup>I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. 27 "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:1-27 NLT

## Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor through the person of the Holy Spirit...

- He is present with you and in you.
- The Holy Spirit is a deposit by God.
- There is Holy Spirit power within you.
- The Spirit gives us strength and courage.
- The Holy Spirit teaches us truth.
- The Holy Spirit brings things to remembrance.
- The Holy Spirit makes peace possible.

Next steps for me today...

- To put my faith in Jesus Christ who is the access point to God.
- To obey Jesus' commandments because I love him.
- To know that as a believer I have God's Spirit within me.