

The Mustard Seed Advent

The Two Comforters, Part II

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Dear M _____,

I thought with our last communication that you were clear with all issues. I cannot find your E-mail that had different questions. Never-the-less, I have prepared a simple review which gives of summary of the MCS position on the Comforter, Jesus, and Christ. Perhaps by looking at this review, you will receive greater clarification:

1. **Jesus was promised to be conceived in the womb of Mary.**
2. **We are instructed to believe the Scriptures for our “eternal life”; thus, we can start by believing that plain and simple promise.**
3. **As foretold by Gabriel, a child was born to Mary whom she named “Jesus”, and whom the world also called Immanuel just as promised.**
4. **At age 30, at His anointing, Jesus received the presence of a Spirit who came in the form of a Dove and who was sent from God. This transaction was witnessed by John the Baptist, and we are told that the Dove abode and remained upon Jesus.**
5. **With the Abiding presence of the Dove upon Him, Christ, speaking through Jesus, testifies that the Comforter could not come until after He, Christ, departs or leaves.**
6. **Christ, during His hidden presence also told us that to be true Christians we must believe the account which Moses gave of Him.**
7. **Moses foretold that the power at Sinai, Christ, who frightened Israel to near death would graciously and willingly comply with their request and refrain from speaking to them visibly and audibly again. Rather, He would hide His presence and communicate to them through a surrogate called, the Prophet. This promise is found in Deut 18.**
8. **Jesus was that Prophet and Christ, as promised directed Jesus what He should say by His invisible indwelling presence hidden upon Jesus, the Prophet like unto Moses. Therefore, he Moses, foretold of the duality of Jesus: that a Prophet would emerge from the midst of Israel, and that Christ would abide upon that Prophet and speak through Him.**
9. **The Gospels reveal from Jesus’ own ministry, that Christ openly acknowledged Himself to be the speaker during Jesus’ 3 ½ year ministry.**
10. **Therefore, with this profession, and with other evidence, we know that Jesus was the Prophet.**
11. **After Calvary, both Jesus and Christ, as promised, left to go to the Father.**
12. **Christ left at Calvary, just before Jesus expired. The Scriptures do not indicate that He has ever since returned. Jesus made His final departure days before Pentecost.**
13. **Jesus’ statement to Mary —after His resurrection and therefore unaided by Christ— instructing her to not touch Him until He presents Himself to the Father appears to indicate His desire to honor the Father’s right of first embrace. However, this is only an inference as Jesus did not give a reason. We must remember, only those things which are revealed belong to the saints. Yet, this in no wise contradicts that which Christ promised: that when He leaves the Comforter will come.**
14. **After the resurrection of Jesus and after his command to Mary, Jesus invites His disciples to handle Him to prove that He was not a Spirit.**
15. **Apparently, Jesus’ work for His disciples was not finished immediately after the resurrection. It evidently extended to 40 days after Calvary. Thus, Jesus’ visit to His father, a visit which afterwards allowed others to embrace Him, did not represent the time in which Christ referred to when He promised that He must go and when He goes, He will send the Comforter.**
16. **Christ was the original Comforter since it was His words that were spoken to the disciples during the 3 ½ year ministry, just as promised by Moses’ testimony. Comfort only came**

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from the words, the promises, and the deeds of the Lord. Thus, the same graces would revisit the disciples through the Spirit of Truth, the next Comforter. Thus did the Lord correctly say, "I will send you another Comforter..."

17. However, before the next comforter could come, both He and Jesus were required to leave earth.
18. He, the Holy Spirit, was called "another Comforter" because, like Christ, His testimony would likewise be the result of communications from an invisible source; He would not speak of His own or as another agent from Heaven. Therefore, He did not come as a separate personality with independent testimony for everything which He taught came directly from Christ.
19. Thus, there would be no distinguishing difference between Christ and the second Comforter, the testimony would be from an invisible Being who relayed such testimony directly from Christ, and just as they could not see Christ, they could not see the next Comforter.
20. Additionally, He, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, would not even abide upon Jesus using His body as the vehicle to communicate to the disciples as did Christ. His presence would be more intimate: He would be within the disciples.
21. Consequently and due to these parameters, He had to come in a time after both Christ and Jesus left the earth. This time came at Pentecost.

I hope that this synopsis answers all of your questions. I do not see any problem with Jesus visiting His disciples in the upper room after He received the Father's embrace, unless, contrary to the promise, the Comforter came before Jesus' final ascension. This did not happen according to the record. It shows that Jesus ascended and then the Comforter was imparted to the disciples. Remember, Christ spoke the promise, not Jesus. And there is no record that He, Christ, has returned to earth since Jesus commended Him to the Father at Calvary.

Sincerely,

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