

HE CONVICTS

"Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."
(Deuteronomy 6:4)

"If you love me, you will keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Counselor** to be with you forever. 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. "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you." (John 14:15-18)

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was **hovering** over the surface of the waters. (Genesis 1:2)

He found him (Israel) in a desolate land, in a barren, howling wilderness; he surrounded him, cared for him, and protected him as the pupil of his eye. He watches over his nest like an eagle and **hovers** over his young; he spreads his wings, catches him, and carries him on his feathers. (Deuteronomy 32:10-11)

Like cattle that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. You led your people this way to make a glorious name for yourself. (Isaiah 63:14)

When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the **water**. The heavens suddenly opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God **descending like a dove** and coming down on him. (Matthew 3:16)

"I have told you these things to keep you from stumbling. They will ban you from the synagogues. In fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering service to God. They will do these things because they haven't known the Father or me. But I have told you these things so that when their time comes you will remember I told them to you. I didn't tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Yet, because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the **Counselor** will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: About sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged." (John 16:1-11)

God within you is better than God next to you.

Reflection Question:

What would be different this week if you believed that you have God the Holy Spirit within you?

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