

Sermon Topic: The Holy Spirit, Our Advocate by Ps David Ho
Sermon Text: John 15:16- 16:13
Key Verse: John 16:7

1. What is an Advocate?

a. Dictionary Define:

- An advocate is one that pleads the cause of another
- One who represents the law, and one who represents you
- He can be either Prosecutor or Defence Barrister

b. Greek word:

- Para- alongside; kaleo – to call
- To assist, to comfort, to counsel, to defend, to represent (to represent our Lord and Jesus Christ).

2. Jesus called us to be His Advocate (15:16,17)

a. Jesus has chosen and appointed us all

b. To go and bear lasting fruit

c. To love one another – we are to represent Jesus to show God's love to one another

3. But the environment will be hostile (15:18-25)

The world goes in one same direction but as Christians we go against the flow of the direction. If you are part of the world, the world will love you. But you are called to be the salt of the world, and salt is the preserve the Word of God.

a. "Hate" mentioned 7 times!

b. We need another Advocate! (15:26) – We need the Holy Spirit to be with us as we stand for our faith.

4. What does the Advocate do?

a. He is the spirit of Truth who will testify of Jesus (15:26)

b. We are also called to testify (15:27)

c. He will convict the world (16:8)

The Holy Spirit convicts us but never condemn us. Condemnation comes from the devil, conviction is when God calls us to return back to him, to confess our sins.

What about Sin?

- a) The sin of unbelief – John 3:18
 - The Holy Spirit is here to convict us of the sin of unbelief
 - Salvation is offered to us who are condemn
 - Jesus is here to point us to righteousness
 - The chinese word for righteousness, it means that if I come under the covering of the lamb, I am declared righteous.
- b) Choose Righteousness – going to the Father.
 - For all of us here we choose to believe and choose righteous to believe Jesus.
- c) Don't be one the losing side – come over to God's side, don't stand on the position of unbelief, choose righteousness (John 12: 31)

5. What does the Advocate do?

- a. He is the Spirit of Truth who will testify of Jesus.
- b. We are called to testify of Jesus – responsibility to bring this Good News out to the world (like our family members).
- c. The Holy Spirit will guide us (John 16:13)