



FAITH MAIL

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Behold Our Advocates

Brothers and Sisters,

Before Yahshua left the earth He made an incredible pledge to His disciples. He told them, “...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you” (John 14:16, NLT). This ‘other Advocate’ refers to the Holy Spirit. In Yahshua’s physical absence, the Spirit would be another helper, counsellor, instructor, guide, and encourager, just like Himself (*alos paraklētos* in Greek). He further assured them He would come to them so they wouldn’t feel abandoned (John 14:18).

After Yahshua ascended to the Father, the Holy Spirit descended and filled the lives of His followers. This event transformed their world forever, and, as a result, we now have two Advocates in our lives - one with the Father (1 John 2:1) and the other present with us.

From Yahshua’s statement, “...I will come to you” (John 14:18), we can conclude that, in some miraculous way, even though He’s with the Father, He’s also present with His disciples through the Holy Spirit. The truth is, they’re so closely intertwined that wherever the Spirit is, Yahshua is also present.

Our two Advocates work together to bring us to a state of holiness where Yahshua is fully formed in us. If we fall and sin, the Advocate with the Father pleads our case, while the ‘other’, who resides in us, reassures us and helps to shape us in Yahshua’s image.

The Scriptures tell us that Yahshua doesn’t change (Hebrews 13:8). They also tell us that the ‘other Advocate’ will never leave us (John 14:16). This means we can have confidence that the Spirit who worked with the disciples of old will also work with and through us today.

Before you put this mail away, please take a moment to appreciate the incredible truth that the most potent force in the universe (our Advocate) is present with you and for you. Be conscious of this as you go about your daily tasks.

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Yahshua, the ‘First Advocate’

“...we have an advocate with the Father-[Yahshua Messiah], the Righteous One.”

1 John 2:1, NIV