The Comforter - John 16:7-14
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A. There is less known about the Holy Spirit than of the Father and the Son.
   1. This has led to several non-Biblical beliefs and practices
   2. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, direct and personal guidance of the Spirit,
      praying to, in, or through the Spirit
   3. We are enamored with mystery and yearn for secret knowledge
   4. We use our limited, childish reasoning to make up roles for the Spirit

B. We know much about the Father and Son through the names given Them
   1. God is referred to as Jehovah-Jireh, “the Lord will provide”
   2. Jesus is said to be the "door of the sheep" - John 10:7.
      a. It is through Jesus that we become God's flock
   3. Learning some of the names given to the Holy Spirit will teach us more
      about Him and His work. I refuse to validate views not found in scripture

I. THE COMFORTER
   A. John 14:26 - "Comforter" is from parakletos, called to one's side or aid.
   B. There is parity between Jesus as comforter and the Holy Spirit as comforter.
      1. Jesus referred to the Spirit as "another Comforter" - John 14:16
      2. "Another" is from the Greek allos, which is another of the same kind.
   C. Holy Spirit comforts through the word He delivered to man - 1Cor. 2:4-5, 9-14

II. THE SPIRIT OF LIFE
   A. Rom. 8:2-13
      1. First, the Spirit delivers law - James 1:25
         a. If there was no law, there would be no sin - Rom. 5:13
         b. Sin is a violation of law - 1John 3:4
      2. Second, the Spirit imparts life - John 6:63

III. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH
   A. John 16:13
   B. The truth is the result of the work of the Holy Spirit - 2Peter 1:20-21; Jude 3

IV. THE SPIRIT OF GRACE
   A. Heb. 10:29
   B. Salvation is by grace (God's part) through faith (man's part, Eph. 2:8).
      1. The designation of "Spirit of grace" identifies the Holy Spirit as involved
         in providing the grace of God that brings salvation - Titus 2:11-12

V. THE SPIRIT OF GLORY
   A. 2Tim. 3:12
   B. 1Peter 4:12-14 - The dual nature of shame and glory in suffering is equal to
      the dual nature of the wisdom and foolishness of the gospel

Conclusion: 2Cor. 13:14