

SERMON NOTES:

STEP-BY-STEP – SPIRITUAL TOOLBOX – EXPERIENCE (Advocate – New Life - Truth)

Sermon Title: The Touch of God

Scripture: John 14:15-18

SUMMARY: There are many places today where there is little understanding of the promise of an "Advocate" to be with us forever. There is also the promise of a personal relationship with God. The Christian way of life is a varied **experience** that must not be defined as good, better, best, or normative. If a church is not aware of the promise of the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, there will be dryness in the community of faith. Christianity is a "heart religion," but it is not dependent only on enthusiasm and "feelings." Does experience have a role in your spiritual life?

1. The text describes the dimensions of a relationship, God through Jesus Christ.
2. We believe that there is an "Advocate" that will live in and with us as we experience life.
3. We define experience as a "new life in Christ," which gives us assurance that we have purpose and value.
4. New life in Christ is available for the individual and the entire human family.
5. Experiences inform and sharpen our appreciation of the good news of the kingdom of God.
6. Experience authenticates our lives the truths revealed in Scripture, illumined in tradition, enabling us to the Christian witness as our own.

7. MY THOUGHTS