A. We have a Friend in Jesus (v. 18):
   1. Because our sins are completely paid for we have Christ permanently with us forever (vv. 16; Ephesians 1:13).
   2. We will never be helpless because we have a Helper the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26).
   3. We will always have our master and advocate (Hebrews 8:1-2).
   4. We will experience the work of the Holy Spirit powerfully.
      a) He reminds us of the Word of God (14:26).
      b) He provides a peace that surpasses understanding (14:27).
      c) He convicts us (16:7-11).
      d) He guides us to understand God’s Word (16:13).
      e) He intercedes for us (Romans 8:26).
      f) He illuminates the scriptures so that we know what to do (1 Corinthians 2:10-15).

B. He is in the World Today (vv. 19-20):
   1. Those who are not saved are hostile towards God and because they live in darkness (3:19-20) they will no longer see Him.
   2. They will continuously no longer carefully inspect with sense of purpose who Christ is (since He is no longer on earth with the disciples). They will live in darkness (2 Cor. 4:4).
   3. Believers will be able to come to a full understanding of who Christ is.
   4. Christ death on Calvary was very temporary.
   5. We will experience the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit each and every day. We will be able to overcome all obstacles (John 11:9; 16:1; 2 Peter 1:10-11).
   6. We will experience the working out of our salvation so that we experience the fruit of the Spirit. As a result we can long suffer.
   7. We will have a complete knowledgeable understanding by the powerful works of God that Christ is in the Father. The powerful things that the disciples are able to accomplish resemble what God did in the Old Testament. Since Christ is alive and living in them this becomes the proof that Christ is living in the Father.
   8. God is the one who began this walk of faith (John 3:16). The one who is the instrument of our spiritual birth, by converting us to the Christian faith, and is the author and beginning of everything.
      a) God acts as our Father. He rewards us (Matt. 6:1); disciplines us (John 15:2); listens to our prayers (Matt. 6:6); knows and meets our needs (Luke 12:30); gives us good gifts (Matt. 7:11); is merciful to us (Luke 6:36); and dearly loves us (John 16:27). O.T. saints knew that God was “like a Father” to Israel. Jesus brings the awesome God of the O.T. into fresh, intimate perspective. He is “our Father.”
   9. He is an ever present help in our time of need (Psalm 46:1; Luke 12:31-32).

C. He Faithfully Cares for Us (v. 21):
   1. Believers who continuously cling to God’s Word because the view it as authoritative.
2. These are believers who continuously maintain a deep commitment to trust God’s Word throughout difficult circumstances with a watchful attitude with no intention of letting it go (Daniel 1:8). The ‘Hall of Faith’ in Hebrews 11.

3. The believer who refuses to let go of God’s Word demonstrates a deep affection and willingness to sacrifice themselves to the direction of the Holy Spirit. This process drives faithful obedience to God (14:15; 15:10).

4. The believer who consistently obeys God truly loves God. They deny themselves, set themselves apart from the anything that distracts them from obeying God and discipline their lives to do what God’s Word instructs them to do.

5. The one who is the instrument of our spiritual birth will do everything He said He would promises to do for them (15:7-9; Deuteronomy 8:1-10).

6. Christ will reveal Himself in ways that is not generally known.

7. Christ will expose how extraordinary He is to a believer that loves Him.