

Following Jesus - The Life of a Disciple - Part 47

Lesson 47 – The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Background:

In the previous lesson we finished with Jesus and the disciples leaving the Upper Room and heading towards the Mount of Olives, in this lesson we will return to the Upper Room.

In this lesson we will see that John recorded the promise that Jesus made while still in the Upper Room about the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also reminded the disciples that He would leave, but return some day.

Read: [John 14:15 -31](#)

Read the Following Quote

"The Spirit's ministry is primarily to point us to Christ, to assure us of our sonship, and to transform us into His likeness from the inside out." [J.I.Packer](#)

Questions:

J.I.Packer gives us 3 specific things the Holy Spirit can do for the Christian. In your own words, what are they?

Scripture Passage:

Now answer the questions based on [John 14:15 -31](#)

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

1. What is the instruction that Jesus gives His disciples in verse 15? What should be our motivating factor?

2. Look at verse 16. Who does Jesus promise that He will ask the Father to help them? Think about the English word that describes this person. What does that kind of person usually do in everyday life? What do you think it means He will do for the Christian?

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3. How long does Jesus promise this person will be with us? Jesus gives this person another name at the beginning of verse 17? What is this name?

4. Jesus slowly reveals that He is talking about the Holy Spirit. This is not the first time that the Holy Spirit has been mentioned to Jewish people. Read the following verses. [Genesis 1:2](#); [Exodus 31:3-4](#); [Psalm 51:10-11](#); [Joel 2:28](#). What does the Holy Spirit do, and what is He like in these verses. Use adjectives and verbs that you know.

5. What did John the Baptist say about the Holy Spirit? Read [Matthew 3:11](#); [Mark 1:8](#); [Luke 3:16](#) What can you learn about the Holy Spirit from these verses? Who do you think the Jewish people might have believed the Holy Spirit would be? Who do you think the Holy Spirit is?

6. Read verses 16 - 18 again. Why is Jesus sending the Holy Spirit? Do you believe the Holy Spirit lives in you and if so, how does He help you? Will everyone believe in and accept the Holy Spirit?

7. Why does Jesus say in this section that the world will not see Him, but the disciples will? How can Jesus be "in the Father" and how can Jesus be "in you?" How do we know if someone loves Jesus? Give some examples of what we can do to show we love Jesus? What promise does Jesus give to those who love Him. How does that help us today? (verse 18-21)

8. Does it surprise you that Judas asks this question? Jesus answers Judas in verses 23-24. How do Jesus' words answer Judas' question? Do they answer His question?

9. What promise does Jesus give about the Holy Spirit in verses 25-26? Have you ever felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? When and how?

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10. Where does peace come from? How could this peace be different from a worldly peace? How could the peace that Jesus offers change the world today? How could this peace change your life? (verse 27)

11. Why do you think there is no reason for us to be troubled and afraid? What troubles and fears bother you? What reason do we have for setting aside these troubles and fears (verse 27)

12. Jesus reminds the disciples that He is going away. Why does He tell them and why should they be glad. Would you prefer Jesus to be physically here in the world today? How would this help us with our fears? Does it help to know that Jesus is with us through His Holy Spirit? Why or why not?

13. Who did Jesus say was coming next? Who do you think this is? How might this help people understand the relationship Jesus has with His Father?

Suggested Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, we thank you for your deep love you have for us and for not leaving us on this earth as orphans. In the name of your Son, Jesus, we ask you to help us to see your Holy Spirit—the Advocate and the Spirit of truth—at work in us and around us.

Father, please let the Holy Spirit help us, teach me all things, and remind me of your word in our minds when we need guidance. Fill our hearts with the amazing peace that Jesus can provide so that we will not be troubled or afraid, despite what is happening in the world and in our lives. Teach us to keep your commands and help us to obey out of love, to walk daily in your truth, and to see and recognize your Holy Spirit working in us and through us daily.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

For Further Reading:

[Jesus Said, I Am The Way, The Truth And The Life](#)

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