

The Promise of another Comforter

➤ Introduction

- Your phone rings. It's your longtime friends' phone number displayed. Your heart is warmed by the memories you share and you smile. But it is not your friend who called but their spouse and immediately you sense something is wrong. The news is not good and for a brief moment you are speechless.
 - How do you respond to news about a sudden loss of a family member, or friend?
 - The shock of an unexpected death is overwhelming.
 - There is pain.
 - The ability to cope is so critically injured that functioning is seriously impaired.
- What happened in the upper room during the "Last Supper"? We know about the bread and the wine and that Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We know that Judas Iscariot was revealed as the one who betrayed Him. Today we will focus on the discourse of the promise of the Holy Spirit.
 - Beginning in Chapter 13
 - Jesus knew His departure was imminent
 - Jesus knew He would be betrayed
 - Jesus says He is leaving and the disciple cannot come
 - What would happen to the disciples if Jesus just went away?
 - We see that their anxiety levels were already rising.
 - Peter's thinking was not clear. He claimed that he would die for Jesus
 - Without Jesus's leadership the disciples might scatter and resume the occupations they had before Jesus called them out.

Transition: We will see how the Love of our Savior is demonstrated by His care for His disciples

➤ John 14:15-17 Promise: Send another comforter

- Jesus addressed their concerns
 - Chapter 14 begins: "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."
 - How comforting were those words.
 - Jesus continues with a series of promises
 - Jesus would prepare a place for them
 - Jesus would bring them to that place
 - Here Jesus is assuring His disciples they would be reunited.
- Jesus in V.15 establishes how these disciples are to conduct themselves
 - A conditional statement: If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
 - Keeping God's commandments testifies of our love for Jesus.
- V.16 If we meet the conditions
 - We will be given another Helper (note a pronoun)
 - This Helper will be with us forever
 - Jesus was their comforter
 - But would soon be leaving

- Jesus would sent another comforter
- V.17a The world does not meet the condition – keep my commandments
 - The world does not see or know the Spirit of truth
- V.17b Those who meet the conditions
 - The Spirit of truth is revealed because
 - He will speak the truth to the hearts of man
 - He dwells with you
 - He will be with you
 - 1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
 - Those who don't meet the conditions
 - Are not saved
- **Summary:** Jesus is speaking about how by keeping His commandments we show our love for Him. Jesus responds to the disciples' concerns by asking His Father to send to us a Helper, the Spirit of Truth. Not everyone will receive this "Helper" or advocate. But only those who love Jesus and keep His commandments. Once received this "helper" will be positioned in them.

Transition: Jesus offers these comforting words: 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

- **John 14:18-21 Promise: Jesus and the Father will come to them**
- V.18 Jesus promise He would not leave them fatherless
 - Jesus knew how His departure would affect His disciples. They would feel like orphans.
 - This figure of speech meant that the disciples would not be helpless and without hope.
 - Jesus thinks of them as His children whom He is leaving in the world (comp. John 13:33), but He will not leave them destitute and bereaved.
 - Jesus would come to them in the spiritual sense as the Holy Spirit.
 - They could cry out to God as "Abba, Father", meaning my father or more intimately meaning my daddy.
- V.19 The disciples will see Jesus again
 - Jesus may be referring to the day of His resurrection or possibly the 40 days after His resurrection.
 - The purpose of seeing Jesus after His resurrect would cause the disciples to move from trusting Jesus in His physical presence to a trust in the spiritual presence.
 - These verses help us to trust Jesus in His spiritual presence.

- You will recall John 20:27-29 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”
- V.20-21 Here is a description of the relationship Jesus desires
 - When the Holy Spirit is received know the natural state of the Son in the Father, and their union with the Father through Him.
 - How comforting to know that our relationship with Jesus is not separated by time or distance. It is within us, now. (Temple of the Holy Spirit)
 - It may be a basis for a sermon at another time. I will quote Oswald Chambers, “God has given us the responsibility to rule over all “the temple of the Holy Spirit,” including our thoughts and desires (1 Corinthians 6:19). We are responsible for these, and we must never give way to improper one.”
 - Once again we see a conditional statement describing relationship with Him
 - The one keeps Jesus’ commands loves Him.

Transition: We must be unified with Christ in every aspect of our life.

➤ **John 14:22-24 Promise: His Presence**

- V.22 Judas (not Iscariot) is following up on the statement Jesus made in Verse 19.
- V.23 How does Jesus manifest Himself
 - He will manifest himself to anyone who loves His and keeps His commandments
 - We enjoy and live in the presence of Jesus when we adhere to His commands
 - This begins when we acknowledge we are sinners and Jesus is our only hope.
 - Our relationship with Jesus is designed to bring us comfort and joy.
 - It is refreshing and not dry and arid.
- V.24 Our love for Jesus is measured by keeping His Word.
 - We are to love His word. Embrace his Commands.
 - This verse equates our love for the Word as a measure of our love for Jesus.
 - Jesus’ Words are in fact the Fathers’ Word.

Transition: We are not in this world to fend for ourselves once we have invited Jesus to be our Lord and Savior. His presence is always with us/

➤ **John 14:25-26 Promise: Taught by the Holy Spirit**

- In these verse Jesus addresses or need for the Comforter, name The Helper
 - I imagine the disciples were wondering if they were adequately equipped without the physical presence of Jesus in their midst?
 - Remember when you first road a bike without training wheels or your fist recital.
 - Doing something on your own?
 - The Helper will teach them all things
 - More to learn
 - But not to worry
 - The Helper will bring remembrance of what they were taught.

Transition: As we embark on something new our God will supply all of our needs.

➤ **John 14:27 Promise: Peace**

- Not a worldly peace but a divine peace.
- Divine peace leaves no room for being afraid.
- Encouragement

➤ **John 14:28-29 Promise: Belief**

- Belief and Trust
 - Belief is a mindset.
 - It is holding fast, regardless of the situation, to the Word of Truth
 - Trust
 - We turn all things over to God because we of God's integrity, ability, and character.
- Jesus reiterates although he will leave them he will return for them
 - The assurance of these Jesus' word should settle the anxiety and uncertainty that have about His physical departure

Transition: Our world is spinning out of control more so than before and in many ways. The only thing that remains certain is God's Word. You must hold fast to His Word.

➤ **John 14:30-31 Promise: know the love of the Father**

- Satan described
 - Ruler of this world
 - Trying to claim Jesus
- Jesus obedience to the Father
 - The world may know of the love Jesus has for the Father.
- God's love for all mankind is evident in the scriptures.
 - God is constantly reaching out to man to be restored
 - His love is boundless

Transition: Christians should have an unswerving belief and to trust in God's love.

➤ **Conclusion:**

- In order to fulfill the plan of God to reconcile man to himself. This meant that to His Jesus had to suffer, die and be resurrected.
 - Jesus recognized his disciple were experiencing the uncertainty of their life without Jesus' physical presence
 - Jesus assured His disciple of His presence in their live through the Holy Spirit
 - All of the promise we talked about today all in our lives as well.
- You and I need to be steadfast in believing in these promise by guarding out hearts and allowing the indwelling Spirit of God to guide and direct our paths.