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The Book of John

Lesson 26 Comforter

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Read John 14:15-31

In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is in the believer and sometimes filling the believer. There is a difference before and after Calvary with regard to the Holy Spirit in the believer.

Verse 18. *I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.* If these three are one, the Father the Son and the Spirit, Jesus can say, I am going to send you a Comforter and I and the Father will be with you. Jesus said, if you have seen me, you have seen the Father. He is not the Father, but they are one.

Verse 19. *Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more;* The last time the world saw Him, He was risen from the dead. The world never saw Him after His ascension. The next time the world sees Jesus is Revelation 1:11, at His coming when every eye shall see Him. They shall look on me whom they pierced, says Zechariah 12. They see Him pierced and the next time they see Him, He is coming back on a white horse to take over.

Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. Hallelujah. While the world cannot see me, you will see me, how is that? Because the Holy Spirit is going to show Jesus Christ to the believer, not in a physical body sitting at a table with them, but by faith in what He reveals through the word of God.

In fact – think about it (to me, this is astonishing.) You and I see Jesus Christ more clearly than a dozen people sitting in an upper room with Him, saw Him. Do you not see, He is going to the cross to die? He is God manifest in the flesh? His first coming was to pay for sins and then at His second coming He would triumph? Do you not see that He is the fulfillment of all these Old Testament prophecies? He is the suffering Messiah of Isaiah 53? Think of what it means to have the Holy Spirit and to have the Bible, we see Jesus more clearly now than people saw Him who were leaning on His bosom.

...because I live, ye shall live also. Our life is connected to and possible only because of His life. Verse 20. *At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. At that day...* Now, we can know that because of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Listen to the “**ye shall’s**” of this upper room discourse.

1. John 14:19, **Ye shall live**
2. John 14:20, **Ye shall know**
3. John 15:27, **Ye shall bear witness**
4. John 16:26, **Ye shall ask**
5. John 16:16, **Ye shall see me**

These were some pretty good promises for a going away present.

Verse 21. Several times from chapter 14 through 17, Jesus is going to repeat this truth. *He that hath my commandments, (Do you have them?) and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:* You can be saved and have the commandments and not love Jesus. You can be saved and keep the commandments as proof to the Lord that you love Him. *...and he*

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that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Jesus Christ is God manifested in the flesh but He is going away. He is going to send the Holy Spirit to abide with the believer forever. The Holy Spirit is going to work in the lives of believers who keep the Lord's commandments, to manifest the Lord to those believers.

Let me try to explain something to you. In our world today – there are saved people. Who call themselves Christians. They know a lot about the Bible, yet they justify using cursing and profanity. They justify mistreating their spouse. They justify being hateful and cruel. They justify being bigots and racists. They justify being thieves and robbers. And they justify being proud and having haughty spirits.

Now, do not those men know a great deal about the Bible? But something has kept those believers in areas of darkness. We all are still in darkness and light, even though we are in the upper room now with just disciples and just believers. He says if you do not follow light, you will not know my commandments. If you know them and do not follow light, you will not do my commandments; if you do not do my commandments, my self, my person will not be manifest unto you. I do not just want to know a lot about the Bible. I want to see the Person of Jesus Christ. I want to be able to follow Him in my marriage, in my child-raising, in my church fellowship, in my actions towards others, in my conversation, and follow Him in my speech – I need Jesus Christ to be manifest to me by the Holy Spirit, even though I am a believer. I want to be a Christ-like believer. I just do not want to be a preacher of truth, a proclaimer of facts; I want to be like the Lord. If I cannot see Him, I cannot follow Him.

He says in verse 20, ***ye shall know***. He is going to give you knowledge. But there is a condition on Jesus Christ manifesting Himself to these believers. There is a condition on God loving these believers. What is the condition? Keeping the commandments. Have you not seen or heard of a saved person doing something wrong? – and heard them say, “*well, I do not see where it's such a big deal...*” “*Well, you know the Bible says...*” “*Yeah, I know that verse, but you know...*”

Now why would a saved person talk that way? Because they do not love Jesus. They know the verse; they know the facts; they know the argument and the reasoning of what you are saying. But they do not love the Lord.

Have you ever ran into someone that use to be a faithful member in the church, yet now they do not attend, because they fell into some sin? When you confront them about it, they admit there sin and say they know they were wrong and they know they should get back into church, and when you say “*Can we look forward to seeing you Sunday?*” “*Oh, I do not think so...*” You know what there problem is? It is not lack of knowledge, not lack of conviction, it is lack of love for Jesus. Because if they loved Jesus, they would

- a. Keep His commandments
- b. See Him manifested in their life.

Jesus would not abandon the saints, not choose sin over righteousness, not squander the gifts and calling of God in order to just crawl through the slime pits of the earth on the way to heaven. What they know has no effect upon their life because they do not love Jesus.

Verse 22. ***Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot...*** John always makes sure that this poor fellow does not get saddled with that. There are six Judas' in the New Testament.

1. The brother of James; Luke 6:16.
2. Judas Iscariot
3. The Lord had a brother named Judas; Matthew 13:55.

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4. Judas of Galilee; Acts 5:37.
5. Judas of Damascus; Acts 9:11
6. Judas Barsabas; Acts 15:22.

John 14:22. *Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.* Jesus said, verse 16, the Holy Spirit will abide with you forever. What does the Holy Spirit do in the life of a believer who loves the Lord enough to keep his commandments? He brings the presence of the Father and the Son into that believers life. Have not we all, gone somewhere, given out tracks for a couple of hours and that is a good and right thing, but there was no sense of God's presence there? We are just doing our duty for service to the Lord.

This is what Christians do – it is right. We have gone out and knocked on doors for hours and... your thinking to your self "*man, it's hot. It's not doing any good. People sure are really mean. We are getting cussed out today...*" And we are doing what is right – but there is no real sense of Jesus' presence there. Then, that night or the next day, you are sitting around rejoicing and singing in the Lord for having the opportunity to serve Him. God is just blessing you and giving you all this strength... "*Wow. This is great. Where was this yesterday when I needed it?*" No – Yesterday, you loved Him and with the Holy Spirit you went out and did what He told you to do. When the Holy Spirit reported back in to the Father and the Son that night – they said, "*They did that for us yesterday.*" "Father, what do you think?" "Son, let us go abide with them for a while" down comes the presence of the Lord. – I am not talking charismatic stuff. This is what the Lord says in the Bible. "I am going to come and abide with you in addition to the Holy Spirit abiding with you because I want to be with people that love me." This is what the bitter crowd, says "*I do not have to work for God... I am saved...*" This is why they get more bitter with every passing day. Because they do not understand that, if I keep the Lord's commandments as a proof of my love for Him, He is going to come and bless me in such a way as to drive out all that "complaining spirit".

Verse 24. *He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings:* Who is He talking too? He is talking in the upper room.) *He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost,* (What is He in verse 17? The Spirit of truth. What is He in verse 26? The Holy Ghost. What is He in verse 16? He is the Comforter.) *whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things,* Let us take a look at the context. *...he shall teach you all things.* Okay – I am saved. I've been saved almost forty years. I still cannot repair a car engine. Why did not the Holy Spirit teach me that? I do not know Chinese. When Jesus said that He will teach you all things, there must be a proper context.

Do you really want to know all things? Do you want to know everybody's thought life? Do you want to know everybody's sins? – He is to *teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

Now why is that important? How many times have we seen in the book of John, Jesus tried to tell the disciples something and they did not get it? Are they believers? Yes.

Are they followers? Yes. Do they understand what He is talking about? No. Jesus said, when the Holy Spirit gets here, you will understand.

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Jesus says - "I am going to go to a cross and die." The disciples say - "*No, you are not.*" Jesus says - "I am going to be crucified." Disciples say - "*No, Lord.*" Jesus says - "I am going to rise from the dead." Disciples say - "*I do not know – what are you talking about... it's not going to happen.*" Jesus says - You must be born again." Disciples say - "*I do not understand.*"

Jesus said, when the Holy Spirit comes your going to know exactly what I am teaching you.

And when the Holy Spirit comes He is going to, number one, bring all these things to your remembrance. And number two, He is going to give you to understand these truths. Do you know what you have in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? They weren't writing this down as they went.

John said, "*Lord, could we stop here for just about fifteen minutes before we go into the next town – I need to finish up this chapter.*"

That is not happening. But decades later just as Jesus promised... Jesus said, the Holy Spirit will *bring all things to remembrance whatsoever things I have said unto you.*" Matthew wrote down exactly what Jesus said because the Holy Spirit brought it to his remembrance. Mark and Luke and John wrote down exactly what Jesus said because the Holy Spirit brought it to their remembrance. And they gave the exact, correct, proper, meaning interpretation, on all of these passages and incidents – why? Because the Holy Spirit of God was directing what they were recording. This verse John 14:26 is your promise that you can trust the gospels in the New Testament. Hallelujah.

Verse 27. *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:* Do you think Jesus is worried about anything? See, He did not say I am giving you peace; He said, "I am giving you **MY** peace. John writes, as the Holy Spirit directs, ends the chapter where he began the chapter. *Let not your hearts be troubled.* John 14:1 The Lord says I will give you peace, my confidence in the Father." Galatians 2:20. *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God...* Look, it is His faith. The Lord's faith is not wavering. The Lord's peace is not shaken. Glory to His name.

Verse 28. *Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father:* Jesus is saying, if you were not selfish, you would be happy when somebody went to heaven. Let's be honest. I am thrilled and happy on one hand that so many of these dear saints from our church have gone to heaven in the last two years including my own mother. For them, I am happy. But part of me thinks, could they not of lived another fifty years in good health and then get raptured and all go up together?

You ought to be happy for me fellows. I am going to go be with my Father. If you love me, you would rejoice because I said, I go unto the Father."

...for my Father is greater than I. Let me give you a little illustration. It's real simple, but to me, it helps me understand the verse and I hope it will help you understand the verse. The President is greater than the mayor. But both are fully human. What is it? It's position. The Father is greater than the Son. But both are fully God. It is just position. "First among equals."

Verse 29. *And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you:* (Which is curious because the next

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two chapters contain more of Him talking with them than we had in all the previous chapters – which means what? John only recorded what was necessary for us to believe

on Jesus. *Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.* This is amazing. James 1:14 says every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lusts. We wrestle, we battle, we fight, we war between the old man and the new man. Jesus had no old man, no sin nature, there is nothing of Adam in him.

Let's read some references. John 8:46. *Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?* There is no sin in Jesus. That is not true of anybody else. When the devil comes to any of us or if he did come to any of us, he would have something there to work with. When he came there to Jesus, he had nothing there to work with. Second Corinthians 5:21. *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.* He knew no sin; He had never shaken hands with it. He knew no sin. Hebrews 4:15. *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.* Without sin. He went through every temptation – but He went through it without sin. First Peter 2:22. *Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:* He did not know sin. He did not commit sin. He did not do sin. He did not have sin. First John 3:5. *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.* No sin in Him. ...*the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.*

Verse 31. *But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.* Let me give you this note and (we are going to need verse 31 to tie into chapter 15.) This is the only place where Jesus speaks of loving the Father. This is the only place where He says He loves the Father. There are six times where we read that the Father loved the Son. John 3:35; John 10:17; John 15:9; John 17:23, 24 & 26. The Father loves the Son.

Let me say this quickly (and we'll not get into a debate about it.) Questions that did not happen are irrelevant. Like what would have happened if Adam had not eaten the fruit? It does not matter because it did not happen. One of those questions is could Jesus have sinned?" Well, but He did not." He lived a perfect sinless life and then died to pay for our sins." Hallelujah!

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Read John 14:15-31

Name _____

1. Who is the Comforter?
2. When will we see Jesus again?
3. What is our assurance of Eternal Life?
4. What does verse 18 teach us regarding the Trinity?
5. When will they see Jesus again?
6. Read verse 17 with Hebrews 11:1, How does one receive Jesus?
7. What does this teach about losing salvation?
8. How long will He abide with the believer?
9. Who is the second Comforter?
10. Why does the world not have the Holy Spirit?
11. What does verse 18 teach regarding the trinity?
12. Look carefully at verse 19, When was the last time the world saw Jesus?
13. In verse 20, what is "that day"?

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14. When was the last time the believers saw Jesus?

15. Name the five certain results of the Spirit's indwelling?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

16. Describe our union with Christ set forth in verse 20.

17. How do we show our love for Jesus?

18. What do we receive in return?

19. What do we learn about the way our prayers are handled from verse 16 (Compare Romans 8:26; Hebrews 7:25)

True/false

- Confirmation of the presence of the Holy Spirit is show by speaking in tongues.
- After we are saved, we are kept by keeping the commandments.
- Discussions about things that never happened, helps us witness.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV)
John 14:26; John 14:23; Hebrews 11:1

any questions?