

The Promise of the Spirit!

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AV John 14:16 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 *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.*

24 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.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

vs16 Jesus prays to the Father for us and says that the promised Holy Spirit—who is the Comforter and Guide for us, will be given. His Spirit will be with us, and in us, always—until Jesus returns.

vs17 The Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth as He is the source of all Truth—the spiritual guidance we seek every day about everything.

The world does not receive the Spirit because a rebellious attitude will not believe God nor accept Jesus as the only way to escape the wrath.

Believers *know* the Spirit because He is within our heart and helping us live by the Word.

vs18 When we feel alone or need comfort, the Holy Spirit is within us and provides comfort when anxiety or fear tries to take away our peace.

vs19 Jesus is informing them that the time has come for Him to go back to the Father—so the world will not be able to see Him. Believers in Jesus *see* the Spirit because He is *in* us.

vs20 When Jesus came out of the tomb, everyone knew that God raised Him to life—Jesus and the Father are One—and all believers are also one with them as they have the Spirit within who keeps us on the same page of truth.

vs21 Jesus emphasizes—*Keep My commandments; Keep My Word*—to Keep is to read, know, follow, and obey God's Word on any given issue of life.

We are to *keep* the Commandments in our heart and by the Spirit's empowerment, to *obey* them—showing that we love God and Jesus. We are just returning the love They both have for us. Their presence in us is evidenced by our outward attitudes and choices we make.

vs22 Judas (referred to as Jude, or Thaddeus) asked Jesus why He would reveal Himself to them but not to the world. The world does not *keep* God's Word; does not *read* the Bible; and does not follow any instructions on godly living.

vs23 If anyone truly loves Jesus, they keep His Word; they obey and follow His instructions—like those in the Sermon on the Mount Matt. 5,6,7.

vs24 If anyone does not love God, they will not keep nor obey His Word—then saying that He [Jesus] only says what the Father has told Him to say.

Jesus emphasizes that if anyone loves Him, they will want to 'Keep His Word' or obey His commands and instructions on right living. Jesus then explains that His words are the Father's words—who instructed Jesus to say them.

vs25 He spoke to them directly since He was still present with them on earth, but soon to return to Heaven to be at God's right hand.

vs26 Jesus then says that the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, is also a Teacher—ready and willing to teach us the full Truth concerning all things.

The Spirit also enables us to remember important Bible verses and how to apply them to our everyday situations. He will empower us to meet things in a scriptural way; to make scriptural choices; and to conduct our life in a way that is pleasing to God.

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

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: for my Father is greater than I.*

29 *And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.*

30 *Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.*

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.*

Having the Holy Spirit is paramount to living a Christian life within the parameters of God's will and Word. The Spirit is a Gift beyond any human comparison—eternity is involved!

vs27 We are promised peace—and inner peace that cannot be described in words—it is spiritually understood. The world says *Peace be with you*, but it is only words with no power in back of them to actually give peace to a troubled soul.

Jesus repeats *“Let not your heart be troubled,”* because if we *believe* God and also *believe* in the perfect sacrifice of Jesus, we can *claim* and *receive* and *enjoy* that peace! We would rejoice and be assured that He *will* return to earth for us.

vs28 Jesus reminds them again that He is going back to the Father, but He promises to return. If they truly loved Him, they would be glad that He is going back to be at the right hand of God—and also believe that He would return to earth as He promised.

The Father is greater than He only *in position*—not in power—the Two are One!

vs29 Since Jesus predicted this ahead of time, they should readily accept what He said, and to just as quickly believe when it takes place. They will recall His words and have no doubt about the sequence of events—all leading to their salvation.

vs30 At this point, Jesus knows that the devil is leading His betrayer, Judas Iscariot, to Gethsemane for His arrest—Jesus referring to the devil as *“the prince of this world.”*

Saying that Satan *“hath nothing in Me”* means that the devil has *no power* over Him or the situation unfolding. What was taking place in the garden of Gethsemane is just part of the salvation plan that the Father had put in place.

The apostle Paul said that in time past we all had walked in the ways of the world—NKJV Ephesians 2:2 *“According to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.”*

What the apostle went on to say, verses 3-5, gives us more than enough reason to *rejoice*; to *believe* God and Jesus; and to be *sure* that all that is taking place, is working out for the spiritual good of all believers—giving us peace in the meantime.

Our life is so different *now* than it was when we followed the world. NIV Ephesians 2:3 *“All of us also lived among them at one time [among the world], gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest [of the world], we were by nature objects of wrath.”*

Objects of wrath refers to the horrifying Tribulation that is coming to this evil world, and if

there were no true repentance or change in our attitudes or ways of living, we would have to go through the most horrible conditions the world has ever experienced.

Being *objects of God's wrath* is more than enough reason to cause serious concern, and to totally capture our attention—pleading with God for His mercy, grace, and forgiveness!

The apostle continues Ephesians 2:4 *“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.”*

Now we know *why* Jesus said AV Matthew 5:7, *“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”* If we do not *obtain* God's mercy, then we would *face* His wrath. To *obtain* His mercy, is to *show* His mercy to others—to those who are *lost* in sin and do not *know*; do not *want*; or do not *live* God's Truth. Our life must be an example for the world to see!

vs31 If the world *read* the Bible, they would *know* that Jesus loved the Father because He *obeyed* Him and *went* to the cross to suffer and die for the sins of the world.

Now we *all* have a *choice*—we have the *plan*; we have the *instructions*; and we can have *his grace*—in order to escape the wrath that is just ahead! If we *follow* His instructions, *believe* in His Son, and *accept* His grace, we will *rejoice* forever!



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