



Sunday, June 14, 2020

MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

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- I. Jesus’ Message of **Comfort** (John 14:1-14)
 - II. Jesus’ Message about the **Comforter** (John 14:15-31)
 - A. The **Precept** to be Obeyed (John 14:15)
 - B. The **Promises** to be Enjoyed (John 14:16-27)
 1. The PROMISE of a **Spiritual** Relationship (John 14:16-18)
 2. The PROMISE of a **Life-Giving** Relationship (John 14:19-20)
 3. The PROMISE of a **Loving** Relationship (John 14:21-24)
 4. The PROMISE of an **ILLuminating** Relationship (John 14:25-26)

With each word, Jesus is preparing His disciples for His departure. Yet He takes His time, lovingly and patiently teaching them.

This FOURTH PROMISE is that of an ILLUMINATING RELATIONSHIP whereby the Holy Spirit, as the divine Teacher takes the message of Christ giving the apostles a deeper understanding of truth in order to record the message of truth in the form of the NT Scriptures.

a. Marked by **Displayed Unity**—“*in My name*”

John 14:31 But that the world may know that I love the **Father**; and as the **Father** gave **Me** commandment, even so I do.

John 6:38 “For I came down from heaven, not to do **Mine** own will, but the will of **Him** that sent **Me**.”

b. Marked by **Deeper Understanding**—“*teach/ remind you*”

i. The Holy Spirit’s **Preliminary** Ministry

The primary application is that this promise is directly to the apostles with regards to divine inspiration of the New Testament Scriptures, helping them record the words of Jesus perfectly and without error.

2 Peter 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of **God** spake *as they were* moved by the **Holy Ghost**.

John 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

John 12:16 These things understood not **His** disciples at the first: but when **Jesus** was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of **Him**, and *that* they had done these things unto **Him**.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of **God**, and *is* profitable [*beneficial*] for doctrine [*teaching what is truth*], for reproof [*conviction of sin / what is wrong*], for correction [*how to make the wrong right*], for instruction in righteousness [*how to stay right*]: **17** That the man of **God** may be perfect, thoroughly furnished [*equipped fully*] unto all good works.

ii. The Holy Spirit’s **Permanent** Ministry

John 14:16 And I will pray the **Father**, and **He** shall give you another [*of the same kind*] **Comforter** [*lit. “one called alongside to help”*], that **He** may abide with you forever;

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural [*unregenerate*] man receiveth not the things of the **Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness [*absurdity / meaningless*] unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned [*understood*].

1 John 2:27 But the anointing [*of the Holy Spirit*] which ye have received of **Him** abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things [*as He guides them in truth giving understanding*], and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in **Him**.

John 14:17 *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.

John 16:13 Howbeit when **He**, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, **He** will guide [*to show the way*] you into all truth: for **He** shall not speak of **Himself** [*his own authority*]; but whatsoever **He** shall hear, that shall **He** speak: and **He** will shew you things to come.

5. The **PROMISE** of a **Stabilizing** Relationship (John 14:27)

This FIFTH PROMISE is that of a STABILIZING RELATIONSHIP whereby the Holy Spirit, uses the Word of God to create a solid foundation—to stabilize the hearts of Christ’s followers as they learn to enjoy Christ’s kind of peace.

a. The **Promise** of Peace—“*My peace I give unto you*”

CHRIST’S PEACE IS OBJECTIVE PEACE.

Later, they would look back on this moment, being reminded by the Holy Spirit, and rejoice (John 12:16).

b. The **Peculiarity** of Peace—“*not as the world giveth*”

THE WORLD’S PEACE IS SUBJECTIVE PEACE.

“If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed. If you look within, you’ll be depressed. If you look at God you’ll be at rest.”—Corrie Ten Boom

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect [*constant*] peace, *whose mind is stayed [fixed] on Thee*: because he trusteth [*commits himself and is confident*] in **Thee**.

The truth is that there can be NO PEACE if there is NO JESUS. But to KNOW PEACE is to KNOW JESUS.

First, He offers “*peace with God*” and second, He gives the “*peace of God*.”

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified [*declared righteous*] by faith [*believing in objective truth*], we have peace [*quietness / tranquility of mind*] with **God** through our **Lord Jesus Christ**:

Consider Jesus’ invitation that brings soul rest (Mat 11:28-29).

The sad reality of many in the world is that they refuse the free Gift that God offers (Jeremiah 6:16).

c. The **Principle** of Peace—“*Let not your heart be troubled*”

This word, “*troubled*” speaks of being stirred or be agitated. It carries the idea of being fearful or full of fear. Being “*afraid*” carries the idea of anxious, or timid.

i. The **Prayer** that brings Peace

Philippians 4:6 Be careful [*full of care / anxious*] for nothing; but in everything by prayer [*attitude of worship*] and supplication [*attitude of need / humility*] with thanksgiving [*attitude of gratitude*] let your requests be made known unto **God**.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of **God**, which [*sur*]passeth [*transcends*] all understanding, shall keep [*guard*] your hearts and minds through **Christ Jesus**.

ii. The **Perspective** that maintains Peace

Philippians 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things. **9** Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the **God** of peace shall be with you.



JESUS’ MESSAGE ABOUT THE COMFORTER is the roadmap to triumphant Christianity. To those who display their love for Christ in loving obedience will enjoy the assurance of these profound and heavenly promises. Believing is truly seeing with the eye of faith. It is a life where our faith in Christ is on display for all our Jerusalem to see and in turn believe.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.



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What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must I demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will I most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!