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CHAPTER FOURTEEN: THE COMFORTER

THE CONTEXT OF JOHN 13–17

John 13–17 is often referred to as Jesus' Farewell Discourse. This is last teaching session on His final night with His disciples before the crucifixion, also referred to as the Upper Room Discourse.

John 13–14 is more specifically the Upper Room Discourse because it takes place inside the Upper Room at supper where they ate the Passover meal. At the end of John 14, in John 14:31, Jesus says "Rise, let us go from here". So, John 15–17 was likely spoken on the way from the upper room to Gethsemane. John 17 is Jesus' concluding prayer, likely prayed along the way or upon arrival near Gethsemane.

So, think about what the Lord Jesus may have been feeling inside Him, knowing all that was going to unfold in the hours that lay before them, while His twelve disciples were completely unaware of what was ahead.

In John 13, Jesus had just placed before His disciples two of the most important messages He wanted them to embrace: *serve with humility and love as He loved*. He continues His teaching to the Eleven, with Judas Iscariot having now gone out of the Upper Room.

I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE (JOHN 14:1-9)

- 1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.**
- 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**
- 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."**
- 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"**
- 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**
- 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."**



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8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Vs 1: Let not your heart be troubled....Jesus was preparing them for perhaps their toughest moment yet, the next three days, when their faith in Him will be shaken and tested. 'You believe in God whom you do not see, also believe in Me, whom you have seen', because as Jesus would explain the Father and Jesus are one, united.

Vs 2-6: Jesus assures them of an eternal home, the Father's House and that He would come again and receive them to Himself. Thomas questions about how to get to the Father's House, and Jesus makes another of His powerful 'I am' statements: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"*.

Consider what Jesus claimed:

I am the way – implying there is only one way to the Father, and He is that one way.

I am the truth – implying there is only one truth, and He is that one truth.

I am the life – implying there is only one source of eternal life, and He is that Source, because He is the life.

These are big claims. Either His claims are true, or they are all completely false. We cannot 'cherry pick', and selectively take one or a few of His claims, and what He said about Himself. It is all true or all false.

Vs 7-9: Notice these two statements Jesus made in the passage:

If you know Me, you know My Father

If you see Me, you see My Father

Jesus, the Father and the Spirit are **one in will, word and working**. They are in complete unison, agreement and oneness. They **will** the same thing. They **say** the same thing. And they **do** the same thing. Everything Jesus willed, said and did during His earthly ministry is an expression of the **will, word and work** of the Father and the Spirit. If we want to know the Father, just look at Jesus. If you want to know the Spirit, just look at Jesus.

Application: *Jesus, the Father and the Spirit are one in will, word and working. All we have to do is consider the Gospels, to know the will, word and working of God.*

THE WORKS THAT I DO (JOHN 14:10-14)



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10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Vs 10-11: This is an important passage. Jesus invites His disciples to take Him as His word, that what He is saying about Him, and the Father is true. Else, if they are unable to believe and take Him at His word, then look at the works – the miracles, the healings, the signs, the wonders, the supernatural. It is the Father who is doing these works, so Jesus invited His disciples to believe Him and believe that He is one with the Father, because of the miraculous works.

As we have seen many times in the gospel of John, the Lord Jesus pointed to the works – the supernatural miracles – as a witness, as evidence, as proof of who He said He is and His oneness with the Father.

Vs 12-14: Now Jesus makes this powerful and enduring announcement that those who believe in Him will do the works that He did and even greater works because He would go to the Father.

Consider the context – the works were to give witness, evidence and proof of the authenticity of Jesus Christ, that He is who He said He is. Hence, we the church, His believers today, give evidence to a questioning, doubting world about Jesus Christ through the works – the supernatural signs, miracles, healings and deliverance that take place. This is a very important reason why we should continue to pursue, expect and ask for the supernatural.

“the works I do and even greater” – the Lord Jesus has announced that all the kinds of miracles He had performed, some of which are recorded for us in the Gospels and even greater kinds of miracles, we will do. There are so many kinds of miracles that God can work through us in our day and time that were not possible during Bible times. Consider ‘medical miracles’, where organs that have been surgically taken out of people’s bodies can be supernaturally created in them, or implants placed inside people could be replaced with real tissue or organs. Other situational miracles that can take place today,



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which people in Bible times did not face. Or mass miracles at a distance where people watching a service online from different locations can receive healing at the same instant, and many more.

“because I go to the Father” – the underlying reason why believers will do the works Jesus did and even greater is because He would go to the Father, implying:

- 1, the work of the Cross would be completed
- 2, satan and his demons would have been overthrown
- 3, death would have been conquered
- 4, Christ is exalted above all at the Father’s right hand with a name above every name
- 5, redemption becomes a present reality to everyone who believes, we are delivered and brought into a blood covenant with God
- 6, the Church would be born, appointed and anointed here on earth, the keys of the Kingdom are with the Church
- 7, the Holy Spirit would indwell and empower every believer

Vs 13-14: “in my name” – these verses express how believers for generations to come, though Jesus is not present in bodily form, will still walk in delegated authority, and do His works. We will use His name. We will pray in His name. We will declare words of command in His name. And Jesus assured us that He will make these happen.

To use His name is to represent Him, acting on His behalf, to do what He would do if He were present in that situation. When we use His name, we can only will, say and do, what Jesus would will, say and do. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. He still ‘wills’, ‘says’, and ‘does’, today, as we see Him in the Gospels. Hence, we are called to act like Jesus in the Gospels, saying and doing what we see Him do in the Gospels, using His name.

Application: *How can we put emphasis back on doing the works Jesus did and even greater works? Let’s do this at every opportunity we have.*

ANOTHER HELPER 'ALLOS PARAKLETOS' (JOHN 14:15-19)

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.



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19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

Vs 15: Love is demonstrated through obedience. We cannot say we love Him and live contrary to what He commanded us.

Vs 16: the Greek word for “another Helper” is ‘*allos Parakletos*.’ Jesus used the word “another,” Greek ‘*allos*’ meaning “another of the same kind,” not ‘*heteros*’ as “another of a different kind.” What Jesus was to His disciples, the Holy Spirit would be to His disciples in His absence. Another Helper of the same kind. Another Person who will be the same kind of Helper to you as Jesus was. The Holy Spirit would be with us and in us always. The Holy Spirit with and in us would be the same as the Lord Jesus Himself being with us in person. The Lord Jesus used the Greek word ‘*Parakletos*’ to refer to the Holy Spirit. The Amplified Bible brings out the sevenfold meaning of the word ‘*Parakletos*’ as follows:

John 14:16 (AMPC)

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—

We see here the sevenfold aspects of the word ‘*Parakletos*,’ the Holy Spirit, describing who He is to us: **Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby** (One standing by us, beside us, alongside us).

Vs 17: Notice Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit with the personal pronoun ‘Him’. The Holy Spirit is a Person, not an ‘it’. The world cannot know Him, but we can. We can have a real, personal, intimate relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit is the ‘Spirit of truth’. Everything that comes from Him is truth. How do we check if something is of the Holy Spirit? Well, He is the Spirit of truth and everything that comes from Him is truth. God’s Word is truth (John 17:17) and so what comes of the Spirit will be aligned to God’s Word. If it is not ‘truth’ then it is not of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also announces the indwelling of the Spirit. He is with you and will be IN you.

Vs 18: The Holy Spirit coming to us is Jesus coming to us. All who Jesus is, all who the Father is, is fully expressed to us through the Person of the Holy Spirit. Each Person of the Godhead, fully represents the Godhead.

Vs 19: Jesus foretells His resurrection and the eternal that becomes ours because of His resurrection.



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Application: Reflect on all who the Holy Spirit is to you personally. How can you grow in knowing Him as the “Allos Parakletos” even more?

COMING REVELATION (JOHN 14:20-26)

20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Vs 20: “at that day” is a phrase Jesus used to refer to the time period after His resurrection. In this verse the Lord Jesus foretells a coming revelation. After His resurrection, His disciples will ‘know’ or receive revelation, come to a knowing and an understanding of His union with the Father, and our union with Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul captured much of this revelation in His epistles using the phrase “in Christ”. Verse 20 is an announcement of this “in Christ” revelation that would be released to the Church. Hence the “in Christ” revelation is so important for every believer to receive, understand and walk in.

Vs 21-24: Jesus gives us the key to personally encountering and living in the presence of Him and the Father here on earth, even though He would ascend and be with the Father.

If we love Him and keep His commandments, He will “manifest”, unveil, reveal Himself to us (vs 21). Continuing Revelation!

If we love Him and keep His word, He will come and “dwell” with us (vs 23). Continuing Presence!

Here is the key: love Him and obey His Word! This will keep us in a place of receiving continuing revelation of who our God is. This will also keep us in a place of continuing presence, having God dwelling and making His home with us.



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When we personally walk in continuing revelation – we can continuously reveal Him afresh, in deeper and greater ways to others. There is an unending flow of true revelation.

When we personally walk in continuing presence – we can continuously bring others to encounter Him, when they meet with us. There is an unending flow of encounters with God's presence.

The key, Jesus said, love me and keep my commandments, keep my Word.

Vs 25-26: Jesus once again assures His disciples of the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will teach us and remind us of what Jesus has taught.

Application: To live in a place of continuous revelation and in a place of continued presence is so wonderful. It is doable because Jesus said so. Consider what Jesus said we must do to experience this.

I AM GOING TO THE FATHER (JOHN 14:27-31)

27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

Vs 27: The chapter began with Jesus wanting His disciples to not be troubled. Again, He releases peace to them, a peace which the world cannot give. He encourages them not to give place to trouble and fear that come to disturb our peace.

Vs 28: When Jesus walked on the earth as the Son of God, He walked in complete submission to the Father. Hence, He said, 'My Father is greater than I'. Soon, He would be with the Father, in the place He has with the Father, co-equal, and one.



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Vs 30: ‘..the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me’. Satan may make his attempt to find entrance, but he has no power over me, no claim on me, possess nothing in me. We must also walk in this manner. The apostle John wrote about us as believers: *"We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him."* (1 John 5:18). We keep ourselves away from sin and guard ourselves so that the devil has nothing in us and cannot touch us.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN: THE TRUE VINE

I AM THE TRUE VINE (JOHN 15:1-8)

- 1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.**
- 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.**
- 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.**
- 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.**
- 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**
- 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.**
- 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**
- 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**

Imaging Jesus walking with His disciples in the moonlit evening, from the Upper Room to the Garden of Gethsemane. They would have walked from the Upper Room, past the Temple area, through the Kidron Valley, past the Mount of Olives and to the Garden of Gethsemane, about 1.5 km, taking about 20 minutes. Tradition places the Upper Room (the Cenacle) on Mount Zion, just south/southwest of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Gethsemane is at the foot of the Mount of Olives, across the Kidron Valley from the city. To get there from the Upper Room, they would have left Jerusalem through one of the eastern gates (probably near the Temple area), descended into the Kidron Valley, and then crossed over to the olive groves at Gethsemane. As they passed the Temple area, in the Temple itself, there was a great golden vine adorning the entrance. If they passed near the Temple on their way out, they may have even seen this! As they moved outside Jerusalem toward the Kidron Valley and Mount of Olives, they would indeed have passed cultivated land. The Kidron Valley and slopes of the Mount of Olives were known



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for olive trees, gardens, and vineyards. So, it's very possible that Jesus used the vineyard imagery of John 15 while they were walking through (or past) actual vineyards, visible in the moonlight of Passover night. Vineyards were everywhere around Jerusalem, so even if they weren't walking directly through vineyards, the imagery would have been unmistakable to the disciples.

Jesus is using the imagery of the vine and its branches to communicate another important message to His disciples in these final moments He had with them. Here are some key insights:

Abiding in Him and Him abiding in us is key. This is describing a vital, living, dynamic, relationship with the Lord Jesus. To abide is to dwell, remain, continue in this relationship constantly and continually. Him abiding in us is equal to His Word abiding in us. We must let His Word rule, govern, and live in us being a vital part of our being, out thought, word and deed. Fruitfulness comes out of this place of abiding, out of this place of relationship with Jesus.

To be fruitful is to express the life of Jesus in us, the vine-life flowing through us, through what He has called and assigned us to do, as we see mentioned later in John 15:16.

Pruning takes us from one level of fruitfulness to the next. To prune is to remove the unnecessary, non-essential, non-fruit bearing things in our lives. God works in us to prune us and take us to higher levels of fruitfulness.

Answered prayer is also connected to abiding in Him and Him abiding in us through His word. In fact, when we are in this kind of an abiding relationship with Him, He says we can "ask what we will". In this abiding relationship our will becomes so aligned to His will, He entrusts us completely with this privilege.

The Father is glorified as we bear much fruit and keep growing in our fruitfulness. So, desiring and pursuing fruitfulness based on this abiding relationship with Jesus, is not wrong, because this is one way to glorify the Father.

Application: Consider how you can grow and increase in your abiding relationship with Jesus. How can you abide in Him, and He abide in you even more, in an increasing, expanding, deeper and life giving way?

ABIDE IN MY LOVE (JOHN 15:9-17)



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- 9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.
10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.
12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.
16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.
17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

Vs 9-10: Abiding in Jesus involves abiding in His love. But this requires obedience from our side. As we obey Him, we abide in His love – we are in a place where we know, experience, and live out of our being loved by Jesus. (It is not that He does not love us otherwise. But our receptivity and experience of His love for us and working through us, is affected by our walk of obedience). Jesus set us an example of this kind of a life, where He walked in obedience to the Father, and walked constantly in the Father's love.

Vs 11: As we follow what He has spoken to us, we can be in a place of joy. What is the key to having joy in our hearts and to overflow with joy, being joyful? Follow what Jesus taught.

Vs 12-15: The Lord Jesus now uses 'friendship' to describe the relationship we can have with Him. He calls us friends not servants. As friends He shares His heart with us. As friends He reveals what the Father has spoken.

Vs 16-17: Jesus declares that He chose us and appointed us to bear enduring fruit, to experience answered prayer and to do everything from a place of love for people. This is His will and intent for us.

Application: *We can live in a place of overflowing joy. We can live in a place of friendship with Jesus. Reflect on how we can practically do this, from what Jesus taught in this passage.*



IF THE WORLD HATES YOU (JOHN 15:18-27)

- 18** "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.
19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.
21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.
22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.
23 He who hates Me hates My Father also.
24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.
25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.'
26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.
27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Vs 18-25: Now Jesus warns His disciples of the persecution, rejection and hate they would face from the world because of His name. If they persecuted Jesus, they will persecute us. This is to be expected. Some of them operate from a place of ignorance. Some operate this way because their sin has been exposed. The truth has exposed sin, and people often react violently when sin is exposed.

Vs 26-27: But in the midst of persecution, the Lord Jesus reminds us that the Helper, the Spirit of truth cannot be silenced. He will keep speaking about Jesus. And He will empower us to keep bearing witness of Jesus.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN: IN MY NAME

REMEMBER THAT I TOLD YOU (JOHN 16:1-6)

- 1** "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.
2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.



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3 And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

4 But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. "And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'

6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

The Lord Jesus reiterates, that He has forewarned His disciples of the challenges they will face for His name's sake. So, they must remain strong. Jesus recognizes that His disciples are beginning to be sorrowful, and an awareness that Jesus is not going to be with them much longer, has dawned on them. They probably did not know 'how', Jesus was going to be taken away. But His going away seemed certain and very near.

FOR YOUR ADVANTAGE I GO AWAY (JOHN 16:7-15)

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Vs 7: We note how Jesus repeatedly pointed to the Person and work of the Holy Spirit in this final teaching with His disciples. And He now highlights that His going away is going to be advantageous, because the Holy Spirit is going to come and work both towards the world and in and through the believer.

Vs 8-11: To the world, the Holy Spirit "convicts" them. The verb "convict" in the Greek means to expose, convince, prove wrong, to bring to light. It is not condemnation but



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conviction that pierces the conscience and awakens their hearts to truth. He conviction deals with three things: **sin, righteousness and judgement.**

The **sin** that the Holy Spirit convicts the unsaved (the world) is that they do not believe in Jesus yet. The ultimate sin is unbelief in Jesus, and this is the sin people will eventually be judged by. The Holy Spirit convicts people helping them see their need for Jesus.

Second, the Holy Spirit convicts people of **righteousness** *"because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer"*. Jesus' return to the Father (through death, resurrection, and ascension) is proof of His perfect righteousness. While His enemies condemned Him as a blasphemer, God vindicated Him by raising Him and exalting Him. There is no one else who has been righteous enough to be welcomed into the presence of the Father. And no one can obtain this righteousness on their own. The Spirit convicts people of their need for righteousness, and the impossibility to obtain righteousness to be welcomed into God's presence on our own. The Holy Spirit bring the understanding that that true righteousness is found in Christ alone and not in human morality or religious effort.

The third area that the Holy Spirit convicts the world is about **judgement** *"because the ruler of this world is judged"*. Satan (the ruler of this world) was defeated at the cross (John 12:31; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14), was judged, condemned and sentenced. Satan did not and could not escape his judgement. The Holy Spirit convicts people that judgment is real, certain, and already begun with the devil. If Satan was judged, then all who follow him in rebellion against Christ will share his fate. The Holy Spirit demonstrates Satan's defeat and awakens people to the reality of divine judgment and the necessity of receiving forgiveness through Christ before it is too late.

Vs 12-15: The ministry of the Holy Spirit is outlined here and in several other places.

- The Holy Spirit will continue to speak and release to the Church what Jesus is saying.
- He will lead us into all truth.
- He will show us things to come, things ahead of time, things in the future.
- He will speak to us what He hears Jesus' speaking. Jesus speaks to us what the Father is saying.
- He will glorify Jesus.

Application: *Understand and invite the ministry of the Holy Spirit through prayer for your unsaved loved ones. Understand and welcome the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your own life as a believer.*

YOUR SORROW WILL TURN INTO JOY (JOHN 16:16-24)



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16 "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?"

18 They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying."

19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Vs 16-21: Jesus assures His disciples, that although they will sorrow briefly, they will be able to rejoice again. He uses the picture of a woman who goes through labor, and when her child is born, she forgets the pain because of the child that has been born.

Vs 22: On the other side of the sorrow is a joy that no one can take away!

Vs 23-24: Part of what will bring us joy, Jesus said, is that we can ask the Father in His name, and have our prayers answered. God desires to answer our prayer so that our joy will be full.

Application: *Always remember that on the other side of sorrow is a joy no one can take away. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5,11).*

I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD (JOHN 16:25-33)

25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.



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26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;

27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!

30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?

32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Vs 25-27: While Jesus is our Great High Priest and we know He lives to make intercession for us, He wants us to know that we can pray to the Father directly and the Father will hear us, because the Father loves us. We can pray with confidence.

Vs 28-31: It is very encouraging that in these final moments the disciples affirm their faith in Jesus that He is the One who came forth from God!

Vs 32: The Lord Jesus is in such a place of confidence and assurance of the Father's presence with Him. He knows that His disciples will be scattered, but the Father will be with Him.

Vs 33: Jesus encourages His disciples to be in the peace He gives them, because He has overcome and conquered the world. No matter what we face in the world, Jesus has conquered it and through Jesus we also conquer and overcome the world!

Application: *No matter what the world throws at you, remember in Jesus you have peace, and in Jesus you overcome.*

SUMMARY

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Sunday August 24, 2025 – Sermon Outline

There is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Kindly read John 14-16 before the Life Group meeting*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.



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1, Consider the implications of John 14:12-14 and what happened because Jesus went to the Father, which now enable us to do the works He did and even greater works.

2, Reflect on the sevenfold meaning of the word "Parakletos" and how can you grow in knowing Him as the "Allos Parakletos" even more?

3, Based on John 14:21-23, to live in a place of continuous revelation and in a place of continued presence is so wonderful. It is doable because Jesus said so. Consider what Jesus said we must do to experience this.

4, Based on John 15:1-8 consider how you can grow and increase in your abiding relationship with Jesus. How can you abide in Him, and He abide in you even more, in an increasing, expanding, deeper and life giving way?

5, Discuss the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the world and to the believer as mentioned in John 16:8-15

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/learn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

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SERMON OUTLINE

We study John chapters 14-16. We consider the implications of John 14:12-14 and what happened because Jesus went to the Father, which now enable us to do the works He did and even greater works. We discuss the sevenfold meaning of the word "Parakletos" and what "Allos Parakletos" means. Jesus taught us the key to live in a place of continuous revelation and in a place of continued presence. Based on John 15:1-8 we consider how you can grow and increase in your abiding relationship with Jesus. We discuss the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the world and to the believer as mentioned in John 16:8-15. And so much more from these three chapters! This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

KEYWORDS

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