

Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ
Last Words: Another Comforter (Spirit of Truth 1)

Last time...

- A very comforting promise...[v1-3](#)
- A very radical statement declaring the manifestation of God to man in the Person of God the Son...[v6](#)

Jesus came to earth as The Way to the Father in heaven
Most people don't want His Way, they want their own way...that leads to destruction

Jesus came to earth as The Truth...absolute, unchanging, eternal
Most people don't want His Truth, they want their own self-serving truth...which is a lie

Jesus came to earth as The Life...eternal Life
Most people don't want His Life, they want their life...which is death in disguise

Jesus came to earth because the Father and He loved us
Most people don't want God's love, they want their love...love of Self and its lusts

This time...Jesus teaches how His disciples will do the "greater works" of [v12](#)

We will continue in John 14

v13-14 ask in My name...I will do it:

Context: v12...NOT isolated verses

Jesus has work of paramount importance to do...alone
After which He is leaving the 11 and returning to the Father in heaven
But...His work is FAR from over

[Acts 1:1-4](#)

The work of the kingdom of God will continue...via these 11 plus 1
(Saul of Tarsus)

Connected with v12 are:

- ask in My name...the authority of Jesus Christ
 - over all things, in heaven and on earth
Matt 28:18 All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth
 - over the physical realm – healing diseases, illnesses, etc;
Ps 103:2-3 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

- over the spiritual realm – casting out demons, binding devils
Ps 103:4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction
- to do those greater works
- will I do, I will do
 - Jesus does the greater works thru the disciples
 - the power and authority and the glory are His, not man's
- that the Father may be glorified in the Son
 - the Father is glorified in the Son when the Son thru His disciples does the Father's will
Luke 22:42-44
 - the Father is NOT glorified in the Son when we "in Christ" ask in Jesus' name to do our will
Matt 6:9-10

These two verses must not be isolated and taken by followers of Jesus as a Divine blank check to get/do for Self-glory

We cannot ask in Jesus' name to do our will (i.e. to not do His will) and expect Jesus to do it because the Father is not glorified in self-anything

James 4:1-7

These two verses are a Divine promise to help those who

- Matt 16:24
- are busy about the Father's business of seeking and saving the lost
- are making disciples (Matt 28:19-20)
- do/continue the Lord's work (the greater works in v12)

What is the nature and form of this promised Divine help?

v15 If ye love Me:

How do we know if we are in the will of the Father vs our own will?

When we love Jesus and keep/obey His commandments...are in His will

What are Jesus' Commandments?

- Love
 - Matt 22:36-40
 - John 13:34-35
- His words (v23)
- His sayings (v24)

Why this LMJC Study is so important...the doctrine of Christ

To do/obey the commandments/words/sayings is to be Christ-like;
Christ-likeness is evidence of

- loving Christ
- being in Christ's will
- being in the Father's will

v16-17 another Comforter...the Spirit of truth:

What is the nature and form of this promised Divine help with the greater works of v12 to continue/multiply the Lord's work?

1. I...Jesus Christ, the Son of God – will pray
2. The Father – will give
3. Another Comforter/Advocate, the Spirit of Truth – will abide forever

God's promised help is...God Himself

Present is the Trinity, the nature of the LORD our God (Deut 6:4)

One Person in the Godhead is leaving – the Son

Another Person of the Godhead is coming and staying – the Holy Spirit

Prior to the coming of God's Messiah

Luke 4:14 Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee

Luke 14:18 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*

God's Spirit came upon certain people but did not stay

- Judges
 - Othniel (Judges 3:10)
 - Gideon (Judges 6:34)
 - Jephthah (Judges 11:29)
 - Samson (Judges 14:6, 15:14, 16:20)
- Kings
 - Saul (1 Sam 10:10, 1 Sam 11:6, departing in 1 Sam 16:14)
 - David (1 Sam 16:13, Ps 51:11)

Now, Jesus, speaking the words of the Father (v24), is saying the Holy Spirit will come and abide forever (not leave ever)

Eph 1:13-14

Eph 4:30

The Spirit of Truth

- v6
- the Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9, Phil 1:19, 1 Peter 1:11)

is

- given by the Father to the believers in Jesus Christ (v15-16)
- not given by the Father to unbelievers in His Son (v17)

Whom...personal pronoun

The Holy Spirit is God, a Person, NOT just a force in the created universe

God The Holy Spirit

- is known by...personal relationship
- dwells/abides with...*para*, alongside – now, present tense for the 11
- shall be in...*en*, indwelling – future for the 11

disciples of, believers in, Jesus Christ

God the Holy Spirit manifests Christ-likeness in those that Matt 16:24

Gal 5:22-25

The greater works the 11 and all disciples of Jesus Christ do is God's new work

Matt 9:14-17 the Church...

Rom 1:16-17 Jew and Gentile, whosoever will believe

With help of a new ministry of the Holy Spirit (with, in, and upon)

v18 not leave you comfortless:

v1-3 and v16

Even though Jesus is leaving, He will not leave His disciples

comfortless/fatherless/orphaned

He will pray the Father to give them/us another Comforter

He will come to them/us...by His Spirit, the Holy Spirit of God, until He comes

Personally to receive us unto Himself that we may be where He is

He promised!

v19-20 ye see me...ye shall live also...ye shall know:

In a matter of mere hours, the world will see Jesus no more

- a. He will be in the grave
- b. He did not appear to unbelievers Post-Resurrection
- c. Then He will ascend to heaven

When Jesus comes to His disciples by His Spirit, the Holy Spirit of God,

after He has returned to the Father in heaven, His disciples will

1. see/discern/perceive Me
by His indwelling Spirit
2. live...eternally (v3, Gal 2:20) by His victory over sin and death
imputed to those who by grace thru faith are "in Christ"

Where does Jesus live?
In His disciples
How can the world see Jesus?
In His disciples

3. know

- Jesus is in the Father
- they are in Jesus
- Jesus is in His followers/disciples
- Believe v9b-11 so can do/continue/multiply His works v12

v21 has my commandments...keeps...loves:

Those who v15 shall

1. be loved of the Father in heaven
2. loved by Jesus at the right hand of the Majesty on High
3. see Jesus manifested to them

v22-24 manifest...us...not the world:

Judas, not Iscariot,

brother of James, son of Alphaeus (Luke 6:15-16)

asks how Jesus is going to show Himself to them but not to the unbelieving world

After all, He has not done anything so far in secret (John 18:20)

Jesus will manifest Himself to His disciples...those who love Him and keep His commandments/words/sayings/doctrine...by indwelling them

1 Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Cor 6:19-20 know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

But He will not manifest Himself to (indwell) unbelievers...those who do not love Him and do not keep His commandments/words/sayings/doctrine

The difference between manifesting and not manifesting: love/obedience/believe

v25-26 Comforter...Holy Ghost...teach...bring:

Jesus is with the 11 right now, but the Holy Ghost will be sent by the Father after Jesus leaves to return to the Father

The Holy Spirit

- is sent by the Father in Jesus' (The Son's) name...
Again, Jesus speaks of the Triune nature of the Living God
- He...a Person, not an "it"
- will teach us...all things
Ps 25:4-5, 8-14
- will bring into our remembrance...all things
Ps 54:4a Behold, God *is* mine helper
Note: How the Gospels were recorded 30 and 60 years later
- all things...everything Jesus has said unto them/us
His commandments/words/sayings/doctrine
v15, 23, 24
Matt 24:35
His revelation of Scripture thru the Apostles
John 16:12 (Epistles, Revelation)
Right now
Matt 10:19-20

The ministry of God the Holy Spirit in the continuing/multiplying work of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God:

1. with...*para* – alongside
2. in...*en* – indwelling
3. upon...*epi* – filling, immersed, upon

He is our

- Teacher
- Helper to do the words and greater works of Jesus Christ

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

1 Cor 12:1-20

God takes up residence with that man that believes Him (words and works)

“We buy ugly houses”...the only kind God buys because that’s the only kind available

We need not “clean house” before God moves in...we cannot cleanse/change/heal/help ourselves, we need God’s Help

Humanity is a slum, far worse than any we can see with the eyes in our head

The pure God condescended to clean up the slum by coming Personally in the form of a Servant and by the sending of His Spirit with, in, and upon those who believe

Gospel: God is cleaning up our mess...for whosoever will believe/trust/commit/depend upon Him!

Is your life a mess?

Come to Jesus!

The Father will send the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit will commence a work of demo and restoration as He “flips” your house while Jesus prepares another place for all eternity!