

RYF DEVOTION WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH, 2020

TODAY'S READING: JOHN 14:25-31

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still 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 that I have said to you. 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 hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ you heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ if you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ and now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

REFLECTION

These words from John give comfort to all Christians. At the same time, some of these words are specific to the disciples alone. First, Jesus said the gift of the Holy Spirit would enable the disciples to remember and record His life (v. 26). The fulfillment of this promise is the New Testament, the fact that we can read these words today! While we are not original disciples, nor can we add to the bible, the Holy Spirit still brings us understanding and reminds us of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 2:12-13). Lastly, the promise of peace in verse 27 is an important promise to all believers. This peace is unique, coming from Christ's obedience to God the Father in His death and Resurrection. It is not like any other “peace” out there (v 27) but rather it's the only peace that can calm our troubled hearts.

PRAYER

If you are a believer, give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the New Testament, and that we have been given peace! Pray that the Lord would calm our troubled hearts during this time and that He would give you opportunities to share His peace with others. If you are not a believer, consider what it would be like to have a peace that is different from any you have ever known.

FOR FURTHER READING

An Old Testament Prophecy about the coming of the Holy Spirit in Joel 2:28-32