



Jesus

Lesson #9 The Comforter Part Two


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John 14:22-31

²² Judas (not Judas Iscariot, but the other disciple with that name) said to him, "Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself only to us and not to the world at large?" ²³ Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. ²⁴ Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. ²⁶ But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. ²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. ²⁸ Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am. ²⁹ I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe. ³⁰ "I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, ³¹ but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come, let's be going.




More on the Trinity

- *Jesus says first that he and his Father would come and be with them – then he quickly refers to his advocate, the Holy Spirit, as his representative.*
 - *What we have is additional clarity, or perhaps murkiness, regarding the Trinity.*
 - *There is only one way to resolve all of the concepts of Father, Son and Spirit – the three are one God.*
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Peace in the storm.

- *John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. NIV*
 - *He knew there would be times when we simply need peace – the world seeks peace, and craves peace, and even tries to engineer peace, but it never lasts.*
 - *It is his peace that allows us to have confidence in the storms of life and keeps us from being troubled even when circumstances dictate that we should.*
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The real Spirit Guide


- *Jesus says the Holy Spirit will teach you everything and bring all things to your remembrance – the apostles went throughout their world repeating what Jesus taught them.*
 - *To this day he, the Holy Spirit, is our teacher who leads into all truth as we are able to bear it.*
 - *John 16:12-13 "There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.*
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The real Spirit Guide

- *All of our lives we should be growing and learning more and more about God – things that alter our behaviors and change our lives.*
- *When one comes to Christ a great transformation takes place – we come alive spiritually and we are no longer in the dark.*
- *If we do not increase our knowledge of God it must surely follow that our love for him does not increase either.*





The Challenge - find creative and fresh ways to increase what you know about God.

Books

Songs

Sermons

Observations

Friends

Prayer



John 15:1-8

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.




The Vine

- ***Psalms 80:8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. NIV***
- ***Hosea 10:1 Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: KJV***
- ***God's intended vine shriveled up and had to be set aside – Jesus now presents himself as the true vine.***





The Vine

- *Vines are a sort of wood, but the wood of a vine is of almost no use – except for bearing fruit.*
 - *It could be said that a vine, or a branch of a vine, that produces no fruit should be cut off so the overall health of the whole vine is not threatened.*
 - *A grapevine that produces no grapes is not good for anything.*
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- *Notice where Jesus goes now with his teaching to his disciples – He moves from a gentle sort of message (the Spirit being our comforter) to something that seems almost harsh.*
- *My Father cuts off those who want to hang on to me without serving me.*
- *And, even those who do serve me will be ‘cut back’ some so they will produce even more.*



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**The struggle to heal and grow makes us
even stronger.**



Questions

