

Sermon ~ Sunday, August 2, 2020

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Text: John 16: 7

KJV – “Nevertheless I tell you **The Truth**; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, **The COMFORTER** will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send **HIM** unto you.”

NLT – “But it is actually best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, **The COUNSELOR** won’t come. If I do go away, **HE** will come because I will send **HIM** to you.”

Title: “HE left but, HE Walks with Us!”

What an awful thought, ‘*Left Alone.*’ Being apart from other’s; solitary—*Left Alone.* Being without anyone or anything, you are accustomed to—*Left Alone.* Being separated from all others of your class—*Left Alone.* Being without your equal—*Left Alone.* Being without ‘the help,’ you depended on—*Left Alone.* My companion is gone and I’m *Left Alone.* Being painfully aware, now, I’m by myself; living alone, eating alone, commanding my responsibilities alone—*Left Alone.*

But these do not necessarily have to mean, that you (I) be lonely: sad, scared, comfortless, without *purpose*.

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In **HIS** last moments with **HIS** disciples, **JESUS** said, “All this... (John 16: 1), referring to “this world... full of hate... the world hating you, remember, it hated **ME** first.” (John 15: 18). “A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecute **ME**, they will persecute you also.” (John 15: 20) “If I had not come into the world, they would not be guilty of *sin*... they have no excuse... but their hatred does not jeopardize **GOD’S Eternal purpose**— “**GOD** did not send **ME** into the world to condemn it, but to *save* it. There is no judgment awaiting those who trust **ME...**” (John 3: 17, 18a NLT) **JESUS** told them, where, when, and why **HE** had to go away; **HE** assured them that they would not be *left alone*.

“All this... so that... they (we) will not fall away.” (John 16: 1) [“These people left our *churches* because they never belonged with us; otherwise they could have stayed with us. When they left us, it proved that they did not belong with us. ‘that is, their coming was tradition; social and business contacts; just out of habit’—but not **CHRIST-centered** reasons. I John 2: 19]

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My Brothers and Sisters, our text today, in its context (John 16: 7-15), is our **LORD JESUS** clearest revelation of **The HOLY SPIRIT**... **JESUS** had already revealed **WHO HE is** (John 14: 15-26, as “...another **COMFORTER**...” (14: 16) *Paraclete* (parakeltos), **Counselor, Advocate, Friend, Helper**—Divine **HELPER, The ONE WHO will stand by you...**

“I will pray **The FATHER**, and **HE** shall ‘*call to your-side* another **COMFORTER**...” (John 14: 16) For this purpose, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, **HE** that believeth *on ME*, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works [that is, leading others into **The KINGdom of GOD**] than these shall he do; because I go unto **MY FATHER**.” (John 14: 12)

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NOT like today's charlatans: those who *falsely claim* to have *special spiritual knowledge* and *powers*... the Kenneth Copelands, Joel Olsten, Joyce Meyers, Marilyn Hickey, Bill Johnson, Creflo Dollar, Todd White...

They preach/teach, as a doctrinal premise—The Word of Faith Movement—from The Book of Genesis, chapters 1, 2, 3, this idea of 'trichotomy': that human-beings are fundamentally *three-fold* in nature: 1. Soul. 2. Body. 3. Spirit.

Quotes: *Kenneth Copeland*, "you are a spirit"; "you have a soul"; "you live in—you"; "you live in a physical body". GOD'S reason for creating Adam was HIS desire to reproduce HIMSELF. So, "you are a 'god.'" [These were the very words Satan told to Eve, Genesis 3: 4, 5] *Joyce Meyers*, "we serve a GOD who calls things that do not exist, as if they already existed. So, if we make *positive confessions*, then those *positive confessions*, will turn into physical realities. That's how powerful your words are."

*Marilyn Hickory*, "speak to your checkbook, and say, 'you checkbook, you've never been so prosperous since I owned you. You're just jammed full of money!'" Or, go to your ATM—get \$200.00 dollars. Though the receipt comes out saying, no funds. You stand there and rebuke that ATM machine, in the name of Jesus. Proclaim your victory over Satan and his lies about you, being broke." **ONLY GOD, and GOD ALONE, speak things into EXISTANCE!!!**

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Please **hear JESUS!!!**

--John 16: 7—**The HOLY SPIRIT** *comfort* and *helps* us. **JESUS** said a surprising thing: "It is expedient for you that I go away." It was for our good (profit, advantage) that **JESUS** would leave the world. Hear **HIM**, hear the additional weight and emphasis "I tell you **The Truth**." Why? Because *if JESUS* had not left, **The HOLY SPIRIT** would not have come. We are *better off* with **The Presence of The HOLY SPIRIT** than with the *physical Presence of JESUS*.

Since **JESUS** *died* on **The Cross**, was *buried* in the *Grave* and *raised* from the *Dead*; we now have: **A Glorified and Exalted LORD; WHO Rules and Reigns and Controls All**; An **Intercessor**, **WHO** is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, because **HE** was tempted in all points just as we are, before the very **Throne of GOD**; we now have **The Presence of The HOLY SPIRIT** with us and in us, at all times. **JESUS in HIS human body** could be only in one place at a time; *but The HOLY SPIRIT*, is able to be with all believers at the same time no matter *where, when, what*, we are experiencing; We now have **The GOSPEL** to proclaim, **The GOSPEL of The Risen and Exalted LORD WHO is Able** to give *Eternal Life* to every one who calls upon **HIM**.

{“The word is nigh thee, even in they mouth, and in thy heart: that is, **The WORD of Faith**, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with they mouth **The LORD JESUS**, and shalt believe in thine heart that **GOD** hath raised **HIM** from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... For whosoever shall call upon **The Name of The LORD** shall be saved.” (Romans 10: 8-10, 13)} Since **JESUS** departed this earth, we now have the world-wide work of **The HOLY SPIRIT**.

**HIS** work as **The COMFORTER** is...

1. Convict and convince the world. That is 'reprove' a person. *Convict*—prick a person's heart until he senses and knows he is guilty. He or she has done wrong or failed to do right.

*Convince*—to hammer and drive at a person's heart until he or she knows **The Truth**.

--**The HOLY SPIRIT** *convicts* and *convinces* the world of three things: 1. sin(s); that a person missed the mark; comes short of the glory of **GOD** (Romans 3: 23); trespasses, that is, they have wandered off the right paths (Ephesians 2: 1); transgresses, that is, breaks the Law(s) of **GOD** (Hebrews 2: 2-3); **The HOLY SPIRIT** *convicts* the world that a person 'unbelief' is wrong.

That **JESUS** really *died* for the world's *sin*, was *buried* and *rose*, then, *convinces* them that **JESUS** is **LORD and SAVIOR**—that their *sin(s)* are really forgiven when they believe/receive **JESUS**.

2. There is the conviction of Righteousness. **The HOLY SPIRIT** *convicts* the world of its lack of *righteousness*, that no one has *righteousness* whatsoever that is acceptable to **GOD**.

(Isaiah 64: 6, we are all infected and impure with *sin*) Then, **The HOLY SPIRIT** *convinces* the world that **JESUS' RIGHTeousness** is acceptable to **GOD**—**JESUS** was received into Heave by **The FATHER** because **HE is RIGHTeous**; that **JESUS** secured *righteousness* for ever believer; that we can approach **GOD** through **The RIGHTeousness of JESUS**; that **JESUS is The Ideal and Perfect Man, the very Son of man HIMSELF**.

3. There is the conviction of judgment. **The HOLY SPIRIT** *convicts* the world that judgment is coming, that every one will face the personal judgment of **GOD**. **The HOLY SPIRIT** *convicts* us—that we are both *responsible* and *accountable* to **GOD** and fellow-men; that there is to be a real day of judgment; that we will stand face to face *with GOD* and be judged; that we will be judged for *sin* and lack of *righteousness*, for what we did and did not do.

**The HOLY SPIRIT** *convinces* the world that **JESUS** has borne the judgment of *sin* and death for every believer. That **JESUS** *died* bearing the penalty and judgment of *sin* for us; that **JESUS**, by **HIS death**, destroyed the power of Satan over *sin* and *death*; that we can be freed from *sin* and *death*, that we can be *forgiven* for our *sin(s)* and given *Eternal Life* through **JESUS CHRIST!**

**"HE left but, HE Walks with Us!"**

I want **JESUS** to *walk* with me, I want **JESUS** to *walk* with me;  
All alone my pilgrim journey, I want **JESUS** to *walk* with me.

In my trials, *walk* with me, *walk* with me, In my trials, *walk* with me, *walk* with me,  
When the shades of life are falling, **LORD**, I want **JESUS** to *walk* with me.

In my sorrows, *walk* with me, *walk* with me, In my sorrows, *walk* with me, *walk* with me,  
When my heart within is aching, **LORD** I want **JESUS** to *walk* with me.

In my troubles, *walk* with me, *walk* with me, In my troubles, *walk* with me, *walk* with me,  
When my life becomes a burden, **LORD**, I want **JESUS** to **walk** with me.