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Unit #2: The Word: The Agent of Creation
Topic: Present Forever
Printed Text: John 14:15-29

Key Verse: "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16, KJV)

Lesson Aims:

1. Explore the relationship between God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
2. Feel encouraged that Jesus offers us peace in the Holy Spirit.
3. Commit to obeying Christ rather the prince of darkness.

Key Terms:

1. Commands: orders; ordinances; commandments
2. Troubled: disturbed; agitated: stirred up
- 3 World: worldly affairs; universe; inhabitants of the world

Introduction:

John 14 was the preparation for the followers of Jesus for His physical absence. Jesus promised His disciples in John 14:18, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you". This promise to the disciples was to inform them that He would always be with them and not to fear that they would be left alone and no one to care for them. He was going away, yet the Holy Spirit would be there. Jesus was their great leader who cared enough for them and was preparing his followers to continue the legacy God had communicated through Him to them. He also promised to leave His peace (Shalom, the Greek meaning). This peace was for our relationship with God, with each other and with ourselves. Jesus loved His own and vowed never to leave or abandon them. Those who believe and walk faithfully and obediently with Him have the assurance of that same promise. God is forever present and he is our advocate!

Topic 1 : The Prerequisites of the Promise (John 14:15-21)

The Bible meaning of love includes loyalty and commitment. In the text, Jesus meant when He said "If ye love me, keep my commandments". The greatest commandment is to love God with all one's heart, soul and mind (Mat 22:37). We all owe this kind of love to Jesus; nothing else will do. As Jesus continues speaking to his disciples, he knew that some of them was puzzled over the statement made about his soon departure. So to ease their concern, he told them that another Helper would be with them forever. This helper would be there to comfort (Rev 21:4); And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Encourage (Joshua 1:9), "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage: be not afraid for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. That Jesus would come back to His disciples in the person of the advocate(not the unbelievers). The resurrected Jesus would reveal Himself to the world(verse 19).However He did promise the disciples they would see Him as the Holy Spirit.

Topic 2: The Privilege of the Promise (John 14: 22-24)

Judas (not Iscariot) asked the question to Jesus concerning why He would show himself to the disciples but not to the rest of the world. This Judas was also known as Thaddeus(Luke 6:16)Jesus answered Judas by repeating what He said in John 14:15,21.If the disciples wanted to know Jesus, they must love Him and keep His word. The only way to see Jesus when He comes again, one must believe and obey. When followers do obey the Lord there are two promises that will follow. First, the Father will love that person. Second, both the Father and the Son will come to that person and abide with them. To the ones who chooses not to obey will not receive the promise.

Topic 3: The Assurance of the Promise (John 14:25-29)

Jesus' promises are sure because He can fulfill all of them. How many times had someone made a promise to you and broke it? Numerous of times in our life. We have the assurance that Jesus will never forsake us or leave us by His Word throughout the scriptures (Deuteronomy 31:8).With this promise, we can be assured that He is always with us and encouraged to always be with God in faith and spirit. He also left us with Peace (His supernatural Holy Spirit).That even though He was going to be put to death, the Father would return Him to us that believe. His resurrection, not only at the Second Coming, but also during the present time through the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion: Christians must never forget the reason why the Father, through Jesus made the promise to send us an Advocate into the world to help us. First , the gift of the Advocate is made by the Father to those who love and obey His Son. Second, the gift of the Advocate was made by the Father to disciples at Jesus request. Thirdly, Jesus promised to send another helper so that the disciples would not be left alone. Fourth, Jesus promised His disciples that the Advocate would be with them (us) forever. The gift of the Holy Spirit once given is never taken away. We have Him even today, because He lives !