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Unit II: The Word: The Agent of Creation

Subject: Present Forever

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 Pointers:

- 1) The Prerequisites of the Promise (John 14: 15 – 21)
- 2) The Privilege of the Promise (John 14: 22 – 24)
- 3) The Assurance of the Promise (John 14: 25 – 29)

Introduction: A great leader of any congregation is indeed a blessing to the people. This type of leader cares for the spiritual well-being of those who are under his influence. He leads and equips his congregation, spiritually, to where the LORD JESUS CHRIST wants them to be. The best leaders hold the people accountable to be faithful, and consistently encourage them, and shows godly character and integrity while engaging with them. The greatest Leader is the LORD JESUS CHRIST who gave us and example of HIS kind of leadership. The LORD JESUS CHRIST show HIS care for us all by praying the Father to send us another Helper to be with us forever. You, because the LORD JESUS CHRIST loved us as HIS own, vowed never to leave or abandon us (John 14: 3; Hebrews 13: 5). Now, those who walk faithfully and obediently with the LORD JESUS CHRIST have the assurance of HIS promise.

Lesson Pointer # 1

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

Now, the very prerequisites that are, needed for fulfilling the promise of the LORD JESUS CHRIST is to demonstrate our love for the LORD JESUS CHRIST by obeying HIS commandments (John 14: 15). Then the LORD JESUS CHRIST said that HE would pray to the Father to send us another HELPER or COMFORTOR, who will be with us forever (John 14: 16). The LORD JESUS CHRIST continues by describing the promised HELPER As the Spirit of Truth who will indwell within them (John 14: 17). The LORD JESUS CHRIST promise to not leave the believers comfortless but that HE will come unto us (John 14: 18). The LORD JESUS CHRIST goes on to say that the unbelievers will not be able to perceive HIS presence. But the LORD JESUS CHRIST disciples, though, would be privileged to see that he is alive through the guarantee of their resurrection in the future to come (John 14: 19). Now, after the resurrection and the Holy Spirit arrival, the disciples will fully understand that the LORD JESUS CHRIST is in the Father, and we are in HIM and the LORD JESUS CHRIST in us (John 14: 20). The LORD JESUS CHRIST continues to enforce the prerequisite for receiving the Holy Spirit’s presence and being loved by the Father and the LORD JESUS CHRIST and enjoying HIS revelation (John 14: 21). When a believer shows partial or inconsistent obedience it grieves the Holy Spirit, hinders ministries, leads to unproductive and spiritual lives, cancels blessings, and reveals the truth of the believers love for the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **The Privilege of the Promise (John 14: 22 – 24)**

Now, the question was, asked by one of the LORD JESUS CHRIST'S disciples, "how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us and not the world (John 14: 22). The LORD JESUS CHRIST answered, "If a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him (John 14: 23). So, only those who love and obey the LORD JESUS CHRIST will enjoy the privilege of receiving HIS love and the Father's love. Those who does not keep the saying of the LORD JESUS CHRIST: and the word which they hear is not mine but are the words of the Father who sent me (John 14: 24).

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- **The Assurance of the Promise (John 14: 25 – 29)**

The LORD JESUS CHRIST assured HIS disciples that of what HE had taught while being physically with them (John 14: 25). The LORD JESUS CHRIST knew that HIS disciples would need a focused and practice review to retain and use what HE had taught them. The LORD JESUS CHRIST guaranteed that the promised Comforter, the Holy Spirit, would be their teacher and bring all things to their memory of what HE had said (John 14: 26). This would give the disciples surety that they would not be, left alone with no source of teaching and guidance. The LORD JESUS CHRIST also promised HIS disciples to provide them HIS supernatural peace (John 14: 27). The LORD JESUS CHRIST promised that they need not to be troubled and fearful. HE reminded them that HE would return to them after HIS departure (John 14: 28). Now the LORD JESUS CHRIST previously prepared HIS disciples for HIS departure so that when it happens, their faith in HIM would be bolster (John 14: 29). The LORD JESUS CHRIST promise to be with us forever, is true, to all believers who love and keeps HIS commandments; for the Holy Spirit is present with in the believer and we are never alone. Thank GOD for HIS unconditional love for all of humankind.

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Nuggets of the Lesson:

- 1) We are to demonstrate our love for the LORD JESUS CHRIST by obeying HIS commandments (John 14: 15; 1 John 5: 3).
- 2) Since we keep the LORD JESUS CHRIST commandments, we know that HE loves us, and the Father loves us and that HE is in us (John 14: 21; 1 John 2: 5).
- 3) We as believers have the peace of the LORD JESUS CHRIST (John 14: 27; Philippians 4: 7).