58. Jesus Promised the Holy Spirit Would Teach All Things

In our last topic, we saw that we want to help our physical and spiritual children understand the fact that Jesus promised to give them the Holy Spirit as the Helper to give them the strength to carry out the will of God. In our topic today, we are going to see that Jesus also promised that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things.

At the Last Supper, Jesus answered the questions of the various disciples (John 14:22-24). Now, we see that the Judas, was not Judas Iscariot, asked Jesus how He would show Himself to the disciples but not to the world. Jesus answered this question by talking about the way that He and the Father respond to those who love Him. Jesus said that anyone who loves Him will be obedient to His Word. Jesus said in the house of Simon the Pharisee in Luke 7:47, "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Simon the Pharisee did not even show the common courtesy of washing the feet of Jesus when Jesus accepted the invitation to eat at his house. In contrast, a woman who was a sinner came and washed the feet of Jesus with her tears, wiped them with her hair and anointed them with fragrant oil. That action by the woman was an illustration of the fact that love for Jesus will cause us to want to do even more than He commands.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 says. "For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." Here, we see that love will cause us to do much more than duty. That is why it is so important for us to help our children understand the greatness of the love of Jesus for them. As they grow in their understanding of that love, they will be obedient to the commands of Jesus because of understanding His love for them. Christ gave a wonderful promise to all who show this kind of love to Him. He said that He and the Father will come to that person and make Their home with him. The word translated "home" is only used twice in the New Testament and both are in this chapter. In John 14:2, Jesus is preparing a home for us in heaven. Here, we see that our love causes the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to make their home in our hearts while we are on this earth.

In contrast, the person that does not love Jesus will not keep His words. This is why we should not expect those who are not Christians to live like Christians. They do not have the love of Jesus in their hearts and so they cannot act out of that love. Jesus said that the words and commands that Jesus spoke to the disciples did not come from Him. The source of those words was the Father who had sent Him. As a result, those who rejected the commands of Jesus were actually rejecting the commands of the Father.

Then, Jesus went on to help the disciples understand more about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the lives of all future believers. John 14:25-28 says, "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 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 things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard Me say to you, "I am going

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away and coming *back* to you." If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, "I am going to the Father," for My Father is greater than I." Jesus said that He had spoken these things to the disciples while He was still with them on this earth. However, He would soon leave them.

Jesus wanted the disciples to understand the ministry of the Holy Spirit in their lives. That is why Jesus promised the disciples that the Father would send the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus. Jesus then explained one of the key ministries of the Holy Spirit in our lives as well as the lives of the disciples that were gathered there that night. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things. Ephesians 4:20-24 says, "But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to teach us and help us to understand the things that Jesus taught.

Jesus also promised the disciples that they could experience His peace. That peace is for all Jews and Gentiles that become Christians because that peace gives us access to the Father through the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 2:14 says, "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation." Then, Ephesians 2:17-18 adds, "And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." Jesus said that He gives a peace that the world cannot give.

The reason that the world cannot give a peace like Jesus gives is due to the fact that He gives an inner peace. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Here, we see that the peace of God guards both our hearts and our minds. That peace guards our hearts because we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God. That peace also guards our minds as we bring our requests to Him with thanksgiving. The reason that is true is due to the fact that thanksgiving indicates that we look forward to the fact that God will answer according to His will.

Jesus then went on to remind the disciples that He had told them both that He was going away and that He was coming back to them. This statement now had both an immediate fulfillment and a future fulfillment. Three times in John 20:19-26 Jesus reminded the disciples of that immediate peace. John 20:19-21 says, "Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, 'Peace *be* with you.' When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.'" The resurrection of Jesus brought peace to the disciples as well as a commission.

However, Jesus also promised the disciples that they would experience that peace even when they

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went through times of tribulation in the future. John 16:33 says, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Jesus also reminded the disciples that they could rejoice because He was going to the Father. There, His full glory would be restored, which had been set aside when He came to this earth. In addition, Jesus is making intercession to the Father for us. Hebrews 7:25 says, "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." We can also rejoice because of the fact that Jesus is at the right hand of the Father interceding for us.

Jesus went on to say in John 14:29-31, "'And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here." Jesus wanted the disciples to know in advance that He was going back to the Father so that they could believe when it happened.

Jesus told the disciples in advance that He was going to die and be raised from the dead. He also told them in advance that He was going to return to the Father after He was raised from the dead. Satan had taken possession of Judas and they would be coming to betray Jesus in just a very short time. John 13:27 says, "Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, 'What you do, do quickly." Satan had personally taken possession of Judas to make certain that Jesus was betrayed for crucifixion. Now, Satan was going to carry out that plan through Judas.

However, what Satan did not realize or understand is that he had nothing in Jesus. Satan had no claim to Jesus because he could not charge Jesus with any sin. As a result, he could not hold Jesus in the grave. Hosea 13:14 says, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes." This was a promise that God would one day restore Israel. However, Paul used this verse to show that God would make this restoration possible through Jesus. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 says, "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?' The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Satan could not hold Jesus in the grave because he could not accuse Jesus of sin. Jesus was the first to defeat death and His victory made eternal life possible for both Jews and Gentiles. We have victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus was obedient unto death on the cross because of His love for the Father. In fact, Jesus came to this earth so that He could die for our sins knowing that the Father would raise Him from the dead because He was satisfied with the payment that Jesus made. We want to help our physical and spiritual children understand that the Father was satisfied with the payment of Jesus because He was without sin. May the Lord richly bless you as you help your children learn to explain this wonderful news to others.