

### 63. Jesus Explained the Ministry of the Holy Spirit for All Believers

In our last topic, we saw that we want to help our physical and spiritual children learn to explain the ministry of the Holy Spirit to those who are not Christians. We saw that the Holy Spirit convicts unbelievers of the sin of unbelief. He also convinces them that Jesus Christ is the Righteous One. Then, He convinces them that Satan has already been judged. In our topic today, we will see that Jesus went on to explain more to the disciples about the ministry of the Holy Spirit to all who are true Christians.

Jesus knew that there were many things that the disciples still needed to understand. As a result, Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth. John 16:12-15 says, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.” Jesus told the disciples that He would not explain those things to the disciples right now because they were not prepared to understand them.

Then, Jesus began to explain how the Holy Spirit would help them to understand. Jesus reminded the disciples He had said that He would send the Spirit of truth. Jesus had said in John 14:26, “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.” Then, Jesus told them how the Holy Spirit would teach the disciples. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would not speak from His own authority. Jesus had said a similar thing about Himself in John 6:38 which says, “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.” Jesus did the will of the Father and Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would speak the words that the Father tells Him to speak. This is a reminder of the fact that the Trinity always works together in unity.

This helps us to be able to explain why the Spirit of truth is one of the names for the Holy Spirit. He speaks the words that He hears from the Father. Jesus said that one of the things about which the Holy Spirit will speak will be the things to come. The word translated “things to come” means *to come to a place, to appear, to come into being or to be established*. Jesus had taught the disciples about many things. Some of those things He just introduced, but He promised in these verses that the Holy Spirit would help the disciples to understand them more fully when the Holy Spirit came to teach them all things. Peter explained, in 2 Peter 3:15-16, “And consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.” In these verses, Peter explained that some of the things taught to Paul by the Spirit were hard to understand.

Jesus also said that the Holy Spirit would glorify Jesus. The Holy Spirit did this by revealing that Jesus is the Christ and that the whole New Testament reveals Christ. We see that everything that

Growing Godly Family Series – Helping Our Children Present Jesus as the Son of God 63. “Jesus Explained the Ministry of the Holy Spirit for All Believers”

Updated July 2023

Copyright © 2009, Duane L. Anderson, American Indian Bible Institute; 2022, DLA, Serve and Equip  
Scripture taken from the New King James Version®. Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

This resource is available from and distributed free of charge by Serve and Equip <https://sveq.org>  
ANY REPRODUCTION OF MATERIAL FOR RESALE OR PROFIT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

belongs to the father also belongs to Jesus. Jesus had told the disciples earlier that evening in John 14:9, “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father?”’” Since the teaching of the Father and Jesus are the same, the disciples were to realize that everything that the Holy Spirit taught them came from the Trinity. Jesus would be glorified by this teaching by the Holy Spirit.

Then, Jesus went on to explain to the disciples again that He was going to the Father. John 16:16-18 says, “‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.’ Then, *some* of His disciples said among themselves, ‘What is this that He says to us, “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me”; and, “because I go to the Father?”’ They said therefore, ‘What is this that He says, “A little while?” We do not know what He is saying.’” Jesus was going to die on the cross just a few hours later. Then, He was buried and the disciples did not see Him for a little while. During that time, their hearts were filled with sorrow. However, Jesus rose on the third day and they saw Him again. Then, they saw Jesus ascend up to the Father. Luke 24:50-53 says, “And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.”

The disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying. As a result, some of them began to talk among themselves as they walked toward the Garden of Gethsemane. They were asking each other what Jesus meant by what He had just said. They could not understand why they would not see Jesus for a little while and then they would see Him again. They could not understand what He meant when He said “because I go to the Father.” Jesus knew that the disciples did not understand and that some of them were having this side discussion among themselves.

As a result, Jesus explained to the disciples that their sorrow would be turned into joy. John 16:19-22 says, “Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, ‘Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me”? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.’” Jesus knew that the disciples wanted to ask Him what He meant.

Jesus then spoke to the disciples who were questioning among themselves. He began His explanation of what He had just said by asking them if they were trying to figure out what He had meant. Jesus then gave them an illustration to help them understand what they were going to experience in the next few days. Jesus told the disciples that they would weep and lament. The word “lament” means *to grieve with great sorrow*. John 20:19 says, “Then, the same day at

Growing Godly Family Series – Helping Our Children Present Jesus as the Son of God 63. “Jesus Explained the Ministry of the Holy Spirit for All Believers”

Updated July 2023

Copyright © 2009, Duane L. Anderson, American Indian Bible Institute; 2022, DLA, Serve and Equip  
Scripture taken from the New King James Version®. Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

This resource is available from and distributed free of charge by Serve and Equip <https://sveq.org>  
ANY REPRODUCTION OF MATERIAL FOR RESALE OR PROFIT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

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.’” The disciples did have great sorrow as they mourned the death of Jesus. In addition, that sorrow had great fear mixed with it because they disciples were afraid of what the Jews might try to do to them.

In contrast, Jesus said that the world would rejoice. The religious leaders rejoiced because of the fact that they thought that Jesus was dead and no longer a threat to their power and control over the rest of the people. We see that people that are in rebellion against God rejoice when they think that they have stopped those who speak for God. Revelation 11:9-10 is an example where we read, “Then *those* from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.” Here, we see that in the seven-year tribulation, the only time that the people will rejoice is when they kill the two witnesses. In the same way, Jesus said that His killers would rejoice when He was dead.

Jesus then gave the disciples a wonderful promise. He told them that their sorrow would be turned to joy. Jesus did this by giving an illustration of the way that great sorrow can be quickly turned into great joy. When a woman is in labor just before the birth of a child, she usually experiences great suffering and pain. Sometimes, the pain can be so severe that a woman may wonder if she is even going to survive. Then, suddenly the baby is born and the labor pains are done. As soon as the mother is given that newborn baby and she holds the new baby in her arms, all of the pain and suffering are quickly forgotten because the mother is rejoicing in the birth of that new baby.

Jesus used that illustration to describe the sorrow that the disciples would experience over the next few days. They did not believe that Jesus would rise from the dead even when the women told them that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Luke 24:11 says, “And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.” The disciples did not believe the women and so they were still in the upper room with the door locked because of their fear and unbelief when Jesus appeared to them.

Then, when Jesus appeared to the disciples, their hearts were filled with joy. The two disciples to whom Jesus talked on the road to Emmaus described their joy in Luke 24:32 where we read, “And they said to one another, ‘Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?’” We mentioned above the joy that the rest of the disciples felt after they saw Jesus as He ascended up to the Father. We also want to help our physical and spiritual children understand the joy that can fill their lives as they think about the fact that Jesus is with the Father in heaven. Romans 8:34 says, “Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.” We want our children to be able to rejoice because Jesus is interceding for us. May the Lord richly bless you as you help your children understand the joy that this assurance gives.

Growing Godly Family Series – Helping Our Children Present Jesus as the Son of God 63. “Jesus Explained the Ministry of the Holy Spirit for All Believers”

Updated July 2023

Copyright © 2009, Duane L. Anderson, American Indian Bible Institute; 2022, DLA, Serve and Equip

Scripture taken from the New King James Version®. Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

This resource is available from and distributed free of charge by Serve and Equip <https://sveq.org>

ANY REPRODUCTION OF MATERIAL FOR RESALE OR PROFIT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED