

INI Hymns:

Sermon 26-27

Pentecost

John 14:25-27

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25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 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 that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." ESV

Dear Fellow Redeemed,

Do any of you remember the newspaper cartoon, Calvin and Hobbes? One cartoon sticks in my mind. Calvin came marching into the living room with a large space helmet on his head and wearing a cape. Amused, his mom asks him, "What's up today?" - "Nothing, so far," Calvin answered. "So far?" she questions. "Well, you never know," Calvin says, "Something could happen today." As he marches off he said, "And if anything does, by golly, I'm going to be ready for it!" Calvin's mom turns to the reading audience and says, "I need a suit like that!"

Do you approach life like that, trying to be ready for anything that might come up? It's good to be prepared for unforeseen events. We don't want to be oblivious to dangers around us. But it is also foolish to think that we can prepare for everything ourselves. There is a better way. Jesus gives us something that will truly enable us to be "ready for everything." It is so much better than a helmet and cape or even a large bank account. He gives us

The Spirit for Every Need.

Jesus promised several times in this chapter that the Father would send "The Helper, the Holy Spirit." If you look at different translations, you will notice that the description Jesus uses of the Holy Spirit is translated in many different ways. I'm using the ESV translation which calls Him "the Helper." Others translate it the Advocate, or Comforter, or even Councillor. Those all seem quite different, yet they are all included in the intent of this word.

The word is literally one who "calls another to his side." Think of a Father or Mother who calls their child to their side for anything and everything the child needs at the moment. If the child is hurt, a mother will hold her close and bandage up her scrapes and kiss the hurts. If the child is afraid, a father will bring the child in close to comfort and reassure him. If a child needs to learn some lesson or skill the parent will bring them by their side to teach and instruct them or help them with their school work. And, of course, if children are naughty a parent brings them close by their side to discipline them and correct them so they learn right from wrong. You name it, whatever the child needs, a good parent will be close at hand to provide that need.

That is how Jesus describes the Holy Spirit. He is truly

The Spirit for Every Need.

Jesus tells us how the Holy Spirit equips us for every need. He says, "He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

That was first of all a promise to Those Apostles. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon them directly with Tongues of Fire on their heads and He instantly did both things: He taught them all things and made them remember all things that Jesus said and did. That is good news for us today. That's why we can be certain that the Bible is 100% true. Jesus sent them to preach the message of Salvation in Him to all the world. He didn't leave it up to their own faulty memory to get everything correct. He sent the Holy Spirit to make sure they remembered everything accurately.

More than that, the Holy Spirit also made sure they understood everything perfectly. Throughout Jesus' ministry, they showed that they didn't understand things very well. On

Easter evening, Luke tells us, “[Jesus] opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.” Luke 24:45 Now the Holy Spirit completed that by “teaching them all things.” God says the Bible was inspired, it was breathed into them. That’s what this is talking about. We can be confident it is all God’s Word.

The Holy Spirit continues to teach us all things and bring to our remembrance what Jesus said and did, just not in the same way. The Holy Spirit does not come to us directly and reveal things to us as some people think. So many talk about learning to hear the voice of God. The only way God speaks to us today is through His word which He gave through the Apostles and prophets. Today the Holy Spirit teaches us all things through that word. As we read and study His word, the Holy Spirit is at work in our hearts to teach us to know the truth.

The Spirit also brings to our remembrance the things we have read and learned when we need it. In times of distress or fear or sorrow, the Spirit will bring to your mind passages and truths of scripture to help us. I recall one time in particular. I was with a young couple in the hospital as their baby was dying of meningitis. We spent several hours together praying and being reminded of God’s promises. Then the child died. That night my mind was flooded with one Bible passage after another giving God’s comfort and encouragement. That was the Holy Spirit bringing to my remembrance the words of our Lord at that specific time for exactly what I needed for my own comfort and to be able to share with the parents.

This is how the Spirit truly **Helps Us in Every Need.**

Through the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit provides exactly what we need in every situation. When we sin, the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin through His law and then through the gospel He brings us to repentance and assures us of God’s forgiveness. When we are hurt or afraid, the Holy Spirit comforts us by reminding us of God’s love and His promises. In this world of chaos and human philosophies the Holy Spirit leads and guides us to know the truth and what is good and right. As Jesus says, “If you continue in My Word, then you are my disciples indeed, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” Jn. 8:31-32 When you need to make important life decisions the Spirit reminds you of the principles of Scripture that guide you to make God pleasing decisions that will be a blessing.

Of course, in order for the Spirit to be able to bring these things to your remembrance when you need it, we need to read and study God’s word. You have to have it in your mind in order for Him to bring it to your remembrance. That is why ongoing reading, studying and even memorizing the Bible is so important. The more we live in the Scriptures, seeking to know God’s wisdom, the more the Spirit will be a **Help in Every Need.**

The result is PEACE. Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” There are several things we should take note of in this beautiful, reassuring verse.

Jesus does not give peace the way the world gives peace. The world keeps talking about peace and seeking peace, but never really accomplishes it. That is because the world tries to establish peace through force.

Historians talk about the “Pax Romana” or Peace of Rome in this time period. Merchants and others could travel around the whole empire in relative safety. But that peace was won and maintained by brutal force. The powerful Roman army crushed other nations and put down any possible uprising with brutal force and public crucifixions. They maintained peace through fear. That’s the worldly way, but is that really peace? Jesus established peace completely differently; not by force or with threats but through love and sacrifice—His own sacrifice. It is not a peace maintained by fear, but rather a peace with God that removes all fear. It gives

forgiveness of sins and therefore removes the fear of God's punishment, the fear of hell. It assures us of God's love and protection and therefore removes the fear of things in this world.

What really sets this peace apart from any other is when Jesus says, "My peace I give to you." Jesus gives us His own peace. This is not a peace that abolishes all trial and trouble, but a deep, calm peace in the midst of trouble. Jesus' peace was the peace of absolute trust and confidence in His Father. Just look at Jesus' life. He faced every situation with calm confidence. Whether it was the hatred and attacks of the Scribes and Pharisees or the ignorance of His own disciples, He didn't get flustered, or frustrated. He handled everything with calm confidence. Even more remarkable, when He was arrested and falsely accused in an illegal trial and blasphemed, He didn't revile in return or lash out. Even when the soldiers beat Him brutally and nailed Him to the cross He didn't fight back. Instead He prayed for His Father to forgive them. He endured the most horrible suffering yet He had peace in His heart and soul because He knew this was His Father's will, and He knew what it would accomplish for us. "For the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross, despising it's shame." Heb. 12:2 That is the peace He gives to us. It is the peace that can get you through any trial or trouble, knowing that we are always in the loving hands of our Father and our Saviour now and forever.

Just a couple of verses before our text Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching, My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." How wonderful is that? It is "the Peace that surpasses all understanding that will keep our hearts and minds on Christ Jesus." This is the peace that can make us confident even in the greatest storms of life. It is the peace that enabled the Apostles to rejoice when they were beaten and threatened because they were counted worthy to suffer shame for Jesus' name.

Finally we need to keep in mind the last phrase: "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Jesus gives us His perfect peace. Why then are we so often afraid or worried, or stressed or at our wits end? Quite simply it is because we "Let our hearts be troubled" by not trusting in His promises. We are like Peter who had a moment of great faith and walked on the water, but then he looked at the wind and the waves instead of Jesus and he began to fear and to sink. So we tend to look at the troubles rather than at Jesus. That's when we become fearful and lose the peace.

Notice Jesus says He gives you this peace, but it is directly connected to the work of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit reminds us of everything that Jesus said and did, and Jesus' words and actions give us peace. It's a joint effort between them to give us peace. So once again, if you want this peace in greater measure, continue in His Word. When we see Jesus calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee, the Spirit gives us the confidence that Jesus can calm any and every storm that arises in our lives.

When you see how Jesus healed every disease and ailment, the Spirit gives us the certainty that He can heal all our diseases and give us the strength to get through it. Most importantly of all, when we see Jesus dying on the cross and rising again, the Spirit gives us the greatest confidence and peace that our sins are paid for and forgiven. We know that we are reconciled to God and He is our loving Father. Even death has been conquered and we have eternal life. That gives us the ultimate peace.

So if you want a deep calm peace that doesn't get frazzled by anything, then continue in His word daily. Dig into His word, delight in that word, for then the Holy Spirit will work powerfully in your heart and be the Spirit for every need by pointing you to Jesus. Look to Jesus. Trust in Him! And you will enjoy a greater peace.

Amen.

