

STUDY NUMBER SIX

CHAPTER 6 - John 15:26-16:15

LOVE MEETING NEEDS

TEXT

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- v. 27 And you also are bearing witness because you are with Me from the beginning.
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- v. 3 And these things they will do because they did not come to know the Father or Me.
- v. 4 But these things I have spoken to you, in order that whenever their hour comes, you might recall them to mind, that I told you. And these things to you from the beginning I did not tell, because I was with you.
- v. 5 But now I am going away to Him who sent me; and not one of you is asking Me, 'Where are you going?'
- v. 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.
- v. 7 But I am telling you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.
- v. 8 And having come, that One will convict the world concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment;
- v. 9 concerning sin because they are not believing in me;
- v. 10 and concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you are no longer seeing Me;
- v. 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
- v. 12 I am having yet many things to be saying to you, but you are not able to be bearing them now.
- v. 13 But whenever that One comes, the Spirit of truth, He will lead you into all the truth; for He will not speak from himself as a source, but whatever He is hearing, He will speak; and the things that are coming He will make known to you.
- v. 14 That one shall glorify Me; because He shall take of mine, and make it known to you.
- v. 15 All things as many as the Father is having are mine. On this account I said, that He is asking of mine, and shall make it known to you.

INTRODUCTION

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We are looking together in these chapters at a demonstration of agape love. This is the love of God in action. It is agape love on display. It is the love gallery or the love charter. We have walked into the love show or the love theater to see The Love Story.

In these chapters, we see the measurement of love and also the difference the presence of love makes.

relevant to us because it is the result of a relationship!!

As we consider the analysis of agape love and the chemistry that is the makeup of it, I would pray that the Spirit of God would impress upon us how much He longs to produce this kind of love in our lives.

In Chapter One of the Love Story we saw:

LOVE SERVING as Christ stooped to wash the disciple's feet.

In Chapter Two we saw:

LOVE HURT in that Judas betrayed Christ.  
Hurry! it hurts !!

In Chapter Three we saw:

LOVE COMMUNICATING as the Lord Jesus took time to answer the questions of Peter, Thomas, Philip and Judas Thaddaeus Lebbaeus.

Communication flows freely where love is present...

In Chapter Four we saw:

LOVE IN UNION. Christ is the vine and we are the branches and He bears His fruit through us.

Father is glorified in much Fruit...

In Chapter Five we saw:

LOVE IN CONFLICT. Love's enemy is the world and the world hates the demonstration of this love.

World hates that which does not conform to it... hates without A reason...

In Chapter Six we're going to see:

LOVE MEETING NEEDS in these next verses.

Solomon & Shulamith I Pe 3:7

- ① Security
- ② SELF Image

1 Pet. 3:7

"live with your wives  
live with love  
in an understanding  
way".

Love longs to Satisfy,  
Fullfill, meet needs,  
care for.

The more Aware You Are <sup>(3)</sup> OF Needs the more effective You can be in meeting them...

One of the joys and delights of love is to search and anticipate needs and have the joyful ecstasy of fulfilling and meeting those needs. We see that demonstrated in these verses that now come under consideration.

Christ is doing this up to the last minute...

v. 26 "When the helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who is proceeding from the Father, that one will bear witness concerning Me."

One of the things the Lord is going to do when He leaves is to send the Holy Spirit from, (that is, the source) the Father. He is called the Helper and He is called the Spirit of truth who is proceeding from the Father and that one, the Spirit of truth, the Helper, will bear witness concerning Me, (that is, the Christ) He will witness concerning Christ.

I think it's vitally important here that we understand that the Spirit of God never draws attention to Himself, but rather, always points to Jesus Christ.

"bear witness concerning Me..."

v. 27 And you also are bearing witness because you are with Me from the beginning.

There is a connection between the function of the Holy Spirit and the function of the believer in the world, in that we are both bearing witness concerning Christ. And the reason we are is because we are with Him from the beginning.

Our ministry is the same as the Holy Spirit's in pointing people to Jesus and glorifying Him.

We Are Salt ; We Are light ; Acts 1:8

One poet expressed it this way:

Ye Christian heralds, go proclaim  
Salvation through Emmanuel's name.  
To distant climes, the tidings bear  
And plant the rose of Sharon there.

God shield you with a wall of fire  
With flaming zeal, your hearts inspire.  
Be it raging winds their fury cease.  
And hush the tempests into peace.

(cont.)

And when our labors all are o'er  
Then we shall meet to part no more.  
Meet with the blood bought throug  
To fall and crown our Jesus, Lord of all.

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Matthew 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing any more except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city situated on top of mountain is not able to be hidden, nor are men lighting a lamp and putting it under a bowl, but on the lamp stand and it is giving light to all who are in the house. In the same manner, let your light shine before men in order that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

#### "You Forgot My Soul"

You lived next door to me for years,  
We shared our dreams, our joys and tears  
A friend to me you were indeed,  
A friend who helped me when in need.

My faith in you was strong and sure.  
We had such trust as should endure.  
No spats between us ever rose,  
Our friends were like-and so, our foes.

What sadness, then my friend, to find,  
That after all, you weren't so kind.  
The day my life on earth did end  
I found you weren't a faithful friend.

For all those years we spent on earth  
You never talked of second birth.  
You never spoke of my lost soul,  
And of the Christ who'd make me whole!

I plead today from hell's cruel fire,  
And tell you now my least desire--  
You cannot do a thing for me--  
No words today my bonds will free--

But--do not err, my friend again--  
Do all you can for souls of men.  
Plead with them now quite earnestly--  
Lest they be cast in hell with me!

16:v. 1 These things I have spoken to you, in order that you may not be made to stumble.

John 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you in order that the joy which is mine may be in you and your joy may be made full."

'These things' in this verse refers back to all that has been said in chapters 13, 14, and 15.

The purpose behind them being spoken is "in order that you may not be made to stumble."

Butler points out, "I think you know the deep down feeling when someone very close to you either dies or moves far away from your part of the world. All sorts of feelings of loneliness and despair crowd into your mind. You can imagine how the little band of disciples felt when Jesus announced time after time in this chapter that He was going far away to His death and then to His Father. It presented an acute challenge to their faith. Fortunately, Jesus softened the blow by promising them the Comforter. The greatest gift apart from salvation was soon to be given, the Holy Spirit of power. What a boon this heavenly gift would become to their faith and the faith of others. In St. Peter's Cologne, there are two pictures of the crucifixion of Peter that stand side by side. The existence of these two pictures is explained in this way. In the beginning of the 19th century, when Napoleon came and ransacked the city, he robbed St. Peter's of one of those two pictures, the original, and took it away. While the first picture was taken away from the city, the artist, in the absence of the original, painted another picture. In time, the original was restored and the two were placed side by side. Experts now say that there is so little difference between the two pictures, you cannot tell which is the original. In the absence of the original, the artist painted another picture of Peter. Now that is the glorious work of the Spirit. The original is absent, Jesus is in heaven. The Holy Spirit is here and He is the master artist and in the absence of the original, He is painting the likeness of Jesus upon the unworthy canvas of your life and mine. May we be worthy copies of the original, conformed to His likeness."

Vine points out, "This has its lesson for us. We must never allow difficulties and distresses in the future so to preoccupy our minds that we shall lose our enjoyment of His person and love and power. Let not dark circumstances obscure the light of His countenance and glory." *Stumble = Bitter ; Resentful ; wrong conclusions ; Angry ; Fearful ; insecure ; Distrustful.*

*Trip over the blocks of Adversity ; Fall in the pit of bereavement.*  
 v. 2 They will make you outcasts from the synagogue; in fact an hour is coming that everyone who kills you will think that he is offering a sacred service to God.

There are two things that are said that will happen here:

1. They will make them outcasts from the synagogue
2. They will kill them in the name of sacred service.

Acts 8 "And Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death, that is Stephen. And on that day, a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. And some devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house and dragging men and women. He would put them into prison. Therefore, those who had been scattered, went about preaching the word."

Acts 9:1 & 2 "Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord went to the high priest and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem."

Boice points out, "There is an old German proverb which says, 'Not all who carry long knives are cooks.' In the same way, not all who claim to the title 'church' are the church. Not all who wear ecclesiastical garb and who preach sermons are God's ministers."

1 Peter 1:6 & 7 "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials. That the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold, which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 4:12ff "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing as though some strange thing were happening to you. But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name, let him glorify God. Therefore, let those also, who suffer according to the will of God, entrust their souls to a faithful creator in doing what is right."

1 Peter 5:10 "And after you have suffered for a little, the God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you."

Matthew 24:9-12 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you and you will be hated by all nations on account of my name. And at that time, many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold."

v. 3 And these things they will do because they did not come to know the Father or me.

They will make you outcasts and kill you because 'they did not come to know the Father or Me.'

I think this is critical for us to understand that this is the distinction that the Lord Jesus makes. Among all humanity there are those who come to know the Father and the Son and there are those who refuse to come to know Him.

This is something that must happen to each one of us.

*we must come to know Jesus Christ !! Rev. 3:20*

Matthew 7:22 "Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy in your name and in your name cast out demons and in your name perform many miracles.' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who practice lawlessness.'"

Philippians 3:10 "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."

v. 4 But these things I have spoken to you, in order that whenever their hour comes, you might recall them to mind, that I told you. And these things to you from the beginning I did not tell, because I was with you.

The Lord is sharing these things about persecution and suffering now that He is getting ready to leave them. And the reason that He hadn't done it before is because He was with them.

*He himself had borne the brunt of the opposition while He was here + Now they were going to*

Johnston points out, "It is important to keep in mind that a fruitful disciple maker will experience persecution. He is to recognize it and respond to it as our Lord here states. The characteristics continued to fall appropriately throughout the discourse. The outcome of abiding is persecution and in light of persecution there must be dependence on the Holy Spirit."

Wecks points out, "The disciple who identifies himself with Jesus Christ may expect to suffer persecution from the world, just as He suffered because of His identification with the Father. Jesus' prediction of this persecution came on the brink of His departure from the presence of His disciples. These men were very grieved to think that

Jesus was leaving them at a time when they needed Him most. Jesus assures them that His departure is to their advantage because the Holy Spirit would come to them and stand by their witness to Jesus Christ. The very presence of the Holy Spirit in the disciples would be a demonstration of the validity of Christ's words and the guilt of the world. That the student may be assured that the presence of the Holy Spirit is:

1. advantageous in the life of a believer.
2. active in the life of a believer, as a demonstration of the guilt of the world in the areas of sin, righteousness and judgment.

Romans 4:18-21 "In hope against hope he believed, in order that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, 'so shall your descendents be.' And without becoming weak in faith, he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about 100 years old and the deadness of Sarah's womb. Yet with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God. And being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform."

The reason the Lord has spoken these things to them at this time is so that when the hour comes for them to be persecuted and for some of them to even ~~buy~~ a martyr's death, which is certainly going to be true of almost all of these in the upper room with the exception of John, you might recall them to mind that I told you and "these things to you from the beginning I did not tell because I was with you."

v. 5 But now I am going away to Him who sent Me; and not one of you is asking Me, 'Where are you going?'

The verse begins with a contrast 'but now' as opposed to the past when I was with you, 'I am going away'. And He tells us where He is going. He is going to Him, (that is the Father,) who sent me. It was the Father's initiative to send the Son into the world in order that He might purchase salvation by His death upon Calvary. And not one of you is asking, 'Where are you going?'

Peter, back in chapter 13 while they were still in the upper room in verse 36 it is recorded as saying to Him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you are not able to follow me now, but you shall follow later."

*Not where are you going cause I want to go; but where are you going cause I want to know.*

Lenski points out, "Jesus is indeed, not thinking of what His return means for Himself personally, his glorification and the blessedness that awaits him with the Father. He has in mind the significance of His return for the disciples whom He is leaving behind. They are making no request to learn something about that from Him. Peter's question in 13:36 was of a different kind. It was only a selfish exclamation which would not hear of Jesus going away alone. And the assertion of Thomas in 14:5 was nothing but an expression of discouragement and dullness of mind at the thought of Jesus going away while leaving the disciples to follow later on a way that Thomas felt he did not know. So here Jesus is leaving. His going to His sender means so much to the disciples, and yet none of them requests one word of this precious information."

*If they had asked this question we sure would know a whole lot more about heaven than we do!!*

v. 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

They are speechless in sorrow over the impending separation from Jesus.

John 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you in order that the joy which is mine may be in you and your joy may be made full."

1 Corinthians 2:9 "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things which the Lord hath prepared for them that love Him."

The Lord can see beyond the present circumstances of temporary separation to that moment of joyful anticipation when He will be with them forever.

*Much of the sorrow in our hearts is due to our limited perspective. We just can't see beyond the present circumstances... "I just can't go on." "I have no reason for existence"*

*Pearl  
sestic  
Paul*

Instead of asking questions, they have let sorrow fill their hearts. And it has filled their hearts so completely, that there is no room for any other thought or feeling.

*we miss so much when sorrow fills our hearts because we stop asking questions + seeking His face...*

Lenski points out, "This is a discouraging situation for Jesus who has so much of joy and uplift to impart in these final moments."

Love always experiences sorrow when it has to be separated.

*Because of our limited perspective we can't see beyond the present circumstance so tears fill our eyes + sorrow fills our hearts...*

v. 7 But I am telling you the truth, It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

The Lord is affirming the fact that He is telling the truth here and the truth is, it is to their advantage that Christ does go away. And the reason is stated, 'for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.' Christ must leave before the Holy Spirit can come. "But if I go, I will send Him to you."

Lenski points out, "Jesus must complete His redemptive work by His death, resurrection and ascension, so that the Spirit may take all His work and by means of the gospel spread its saving power to the ends of the earth."

Stedman points out, "You see the Holy Spirit is not coming to the world, He is coming to you, to the church, to the Christian. When He comes to the Christian, this will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. That is what He is saying. In fact, Jesus has already said specifically to his disciples, "And when the Spirit of truth would come, they would not be able to receive Him. It does not receive Him, it cannot receive Him because it neither sees Him or knows Him. Therefore, He does not come to the world. He comes to us. But when He comes to us and operates in us as He intends, He will have this threefold effect upon the world. There are three things the world ought to see when it looks at the church. If it does not see these three things, then a church is not a spirit filled church."

It is not operating in the way it is intended. You can bring that down to the individual as well. There are three things the world ought to see when it looks at you as a Christian. If it does not see these three things, then you are not filled with the Spirit, you are not being led by and operating by means of the Spirit of God as the Lord intended for you to do."

Tasker points out, "As they bear their witness, they will be aided. He once again reminds them by the advocate who while acting as their defendent will also expose the world's errors. This great advocate for the defense will also act as counsel for the prosecution. His conviction for the world will be threefold.

1. He will expose the naked truth that the root of sin lies in the desire of men to live their lives in self-centered independence, disowning any allegiance to Jesus.

2. He will show that all Jesus said and did was right, because He will have been vindicated by returning to the Father after being withdrawn from His disciples sight.

3. He will make it clear that there is such a thing as judgment, because the prince of this world already stands condemned. When Jesus was sentenced to death by the judgment of Pilate, it looked as if His cross would be His scaffold, but it proved to be the place where judgment was passed on the prince of this world by whom Judas had been diabolically inspired.

v. 8 And having come, that One will convict the world concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment.

v. 9 concerning sin, because they are not believing in me;

v. 10 and concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you are no longer seeing Me;

v. 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

It will be the function of the Spirit of God when He comes to convict the world that has hated Christ and has not responded to Him in three areas:

- ① concerning SIN
- ② concerning RIGHTEOUSNESS and
- ③ concerning JUDGMENT.

In verse 9. He says, 'concerning sin' the reason being, 'they are not believing in Me.' And in verse 10, 'concerning righteousness, because I'm going to the Father and you are no longer seeing Me.' And in verse 11, 'concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.'

J. Vernon McGee points out, "It is the present ministry of the Holy Spirit in the world to convict it of sin, righteousness and judgment. Our Lord explains for us what that sin means. Sin, because they believe not on me. What is the greatest sin in all the world? Murder? No. Who are the greatest sinners in this age? We've had some rascals, haven't we? Every age has had rascals. We might point out Hitler or Stalin or Karl Marx or the Mafia. Well, who's the greatest sinner today? I want to say to you very carefully that you could be the greatest sinner living today. You may say, 'Now wait a minute preacher. You can't say that about me. I'm no rascal, I'm a law abiding citizen. The question is this. Have you accepted Christ? Unbelief is a state and there is no remedy if you refuse to trust Christ. Of sin, 'because they believe not on me.' If you do not trust Him, you are lost. It is just as simple as that. It is just as important as that. This is a decision that every man must make. The man today, whoever he is, if He is rejecting Jesus Christ, is in the sight of God, the greatest sinner."

*Greatest Sinner !!*

John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not judged. He who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life, but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Macauley points out, "When He hung on the cross, God laid on him the iniquity of us all. It has often been said that the great question between God and man today is not so much the SIN question as the SON question. It is not so much what we have done as sinners but how we respond to the fact that Christ has died as a ransom for sinners and now God says, 'What will you do with My Son?'"

Van Doren points out, "He prosecutes the persecuting world, brings it to judgment and as sinner convicts it, thus He executes an ideal judgment upon the whole world."

He who is convicted of sin, passes over either to the righteousness of Christ or to the judgment of Satan.

"I go to my Father." This is the most certain demonstration of Christ's righteousness. By His triumphant exultation to the right hand of the Father, He who has been put to death as a sinner, a blasphemer and an imposter, was vindicated by God himself and proved by the testimony of the paraclete through the apostles to be the just one. His return to His Father, therefore, was the Father's proclamation of His righteousness to the universe. \* \*

The Spirit's great aim is to deliver man from his sin and from the judgment to come and to make him partaker of the righteousness of Christ.

→ Studying Exodus 32:

In the journals of Jim Eliot, edited by Elisabeth Eliot, we read the following: "I can think of three instances where the fingers are instruments used by God and I think they may correspond to the threefold ministry of the Holy Spirit. 'He shall convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.' Here in Exodus 32, the finger of God writes the law, that sin might be seen to be sin. In John 8, Jesus writes with His finger and men are convicted of righteousness. In Belshazzar's feast in Daniel 5, the fingers of a man's hand convict the king of impending judgment."

Boice points out, "There are two ways in which this can be taken. On the one hand, it can mean that the Holy Spirit will show the world what true righteousness is, an action made necessary by the fact that Christ is no longer here to

demonstrate the meaning of righteousness in His own person. Apart from Christ, none of us has any understanding of what God's righteousness is. We think of it in terms of human goodness. For we imagine that some men have ten percent goodness, others have thirty percent, still others have sixty or seventy percent and then there is Jesus, the best of all who scores 100. But this is not what God's goodness is. If this were the case, then confrontation with Christ would have the effect of making us want to try harder. We would see that we are not as good as He is, but that He represents what is possible. So we would try to be better. This however is not what happens when men and women meet Jesus. What happens is they are impressed with the totally different characteristics of His righteousness and with the fact that for them it is totally unattainable. On the other hand, there is another way in which these words can be taken. They can be taken as showing not primarily what righteousness is, but rather where that righteousness can be found. It cannot be found here. We know only human righteousness, but it can be found in Christ who was once here, but is now at the Father's right hand."

John 14:30 "I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming and he is having nothing in Me."

2 Corinthians 4:4 "In whose case, the God of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

Since the god of this world has been judged, it certainly guarantees that the world which follows their god will also stand in judgment.

Colossians 2:15 "When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through it."

v. 12 I am having yet many things to be saying to you, but you are not able to be bearing them now.

Hebrews 5:11 "Concerning him, we have much to say and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing."

The Lord recognizes their capacities and although there are a lot of things He would like to say to them, He realizes they wouldn't be able to bear them at this time.

The reason being, their sorrow has already filled their hearts as He has told them that He is leaving.

Hendriksen expresses this verse in the following poem:

Mindful of our human frailty,  
Is the God in whom we trust.  
He whose years are everlasting  
He remembers, we are dust.

1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man, and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it."

v. 13 But whenever that One comes, the Spirit of truth, He will lead you into all the truth; for He will not speak from himself as a source, but whatever He is hearing, He will speak; and the things that are coming He will make known to you.

The Lord Jesus again returns to the Helper, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and says that whenever He comes, He will lead you into all the truth.

He will open our eyes, so we can behold wondrous things out of the law.

Ephesians 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."

The reason He will lead into all truth is next given from a negative and a positive point of view. **Negatively, He will not speak from Himself as a source, but by contrast, positively, whatever He is hearing, He will speak. It is the function of the Father to communicate His message through the Spirit to us. 'And the things that are coming He will make known to you.'**

**He is the revealer of truth and also the revealer of the prophetic word.**

J. Vernon McGee points out, **"Notice the seven steps that are here:**

- 1. the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth has come**
- 2. He will guide you into all truth**
- 3. He will not speak of himself**
- 4. Whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak**
- 5. He will show you things to come**
- 6. He shall glorify Jesus**
- 7. He shall receive of mine and show it unto you.**

Since we have been told these steps, we have a way of testing what we hear and read. I listened to a man on a radio program saying, 'We are having a Holy Ghost revival. The Holy Ghost is working. The Holy Ghost is doing this and that. The minute he said all those things, I knew the Holy Ghost was not working. Why? Because the Lord Jesus made it very clear that the Holy Ghost will not speak of himself. Then how can you tell when the Holy Spirit is working? He will glorify Christ. My friend, when in a meeting or a Bible study, you suddenly get a glimpse of the Lord Jesus and he becomes wonderful, very real and meaningful to you, that is the working of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, 'He shall glorify me.'

*Fresh Glimpse  
of Jesus !!*

v. 14 That one shall glorify Me; because He shall take of mine and make it known to you.

The Spirit of God will always point to Jesus Christ and the reason given is because He, the Spirit shall take of mine, that is, of Christ's and make it known to you.

Stedman points out, "Sometimes when you listen to Bible teachers today, you get the idea that there is to be a kind of Jesus oriented Bible teaching with which we begin the Christian life. But as we grow a bit and mature, we are to move on to Spirit oriented truth, to recognize that the sign of maturity is to be concerned no longer with Jesus, but with the Spirit. Nothing could be further from the truth. The work of the Spirit is to glorify Jesus. The Spirit filled life is the life in which Jesus is central and the one who matures is the one who grows deeper in his understanding of Jesus. The Spirit will not speak of Himself, Jesus says, 'but He will take what is mine and reveal it unto you.'"

Olsen points out, "How be it when He, the Spirit of truth, has come He will take up where I left off. And more than that, He will make clear what I have been speaking to you. Observe:

1. That the Spirit will guide into all truth
2. He shall not speak of Himself
3. Whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak
4. He will show you things to come
5. He shall glorify Me.

Wecks points out, "Jesus has given His disciples the assurance of His presence with them in the person of the Holy Spirit. Because of the coming of the Spirit, His departure was actually to their advantage. Through the Spirit's ministry, the Lord could be present within each of the disciples. Moreover, the Spirit's presence would be the proof of the guilt of the world and of the validity of the testimony of the disciples concerning Jesus Christ. Whereas Jesus had been teaching them of the ministry of the Holy Spirit through the believer to the world, he now tells them of a unique ministry directed toward the believer. In verses 12-15, Jesus unfolds an aspect of the work of the Holy Spirit which is unique to the present age. That ministry is the

teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. The teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit guides the believer into all truth. The purpose of this ministry is to glorify Jesus Christ. That the student may be assured of understanding the truth about Christ by knowing that the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit guides the believer and the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus Christ."

\* The study of the word of God without the Spirit of God leads to rationalism. The study of the Spirit of God without the word of God leads to fanaticism.

Van Doren points out, "The sole aim of the Son is to glorify the Father and the sole aim of the Spirit is to glorify the Son."

v. 15 All things as many as the Father is having are mine. On this account I said, that He is taking of mine, and shall make it known to you.

Here we have a repetition. The Spirit of God is the revealer of the things of Christ because all that the Father is having has been given over to Jesus Christ.

John 1:3 & 4 "All things came into being through Him and apart from Him, nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life and the life was the light of men."

Colossians 1:16-18 "For in Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that He, himself might come to have first place in everything."

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Stedman points out, "At the cross, an enormous sacrifice, the power of God was released to man. Yet it was still too much. As you drive across the Mojave Desert between Arizona and Los Angeles, you see the great transmission towers which bring the power of Hoover Dam into the Los Angeles basin. Every one of them bears a warning sign, 'Danger, High Voltage'. Energy is streaming through that wire at hundreds of thousands of volts. But how can you use a hundred thousand volts? It's too much. So a system of transformers has been installed which breaks it down until it comes out at levels we can use; 110 volts, 220 volts, whatever it takes. By this means, all the power generated at Hoover Dam is now available for people to use in Southern California. Something like that is what is in view here. I like to read Jesus' statement this way. It's better for you that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Transformer will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you and when He, the Transformer comes, He will make available to you all the limitless forces which lie in me. He will take what is mine and give it to you in quantities that you can handle, just right for your situation. For back of Him lies all the limitless power of God."

\*\* It is the function, then, of the Spirit of God to reveal to us the written word and the living word.

### CONCLUSION

What are some of the lessons that we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1 Love, even in the final hours, is still meeting needs.

LESSON #2 Persecution is predicted for those who will live godly lives.

LESSON #3 The Spirit of God will convict the world of sin and righteousness and judgment.

LESSON #4 Judgment is certain because Satan has already been judged.

LESSON #5 The Spirit of God will lead into truth and glorify Jesus Christ.

There are two very valid questions that must come before us at this particular time.

1. Is the Spirit of God convicting you concerning sin, because you are not believing in Christ and concerning righteousness, because He now is seated at the right hand of God the Father and concerning the certainty of judgment, because Satan has already been judged?

2. Is the Spirit of God carrying on in your life as a believer His teaching ministry in guiding you into all truth and in His function of glorifying Jesus Christ through His ministry in your life?

If this is not your experience, there are one of two reasons for the breakdown.

1. by sin<sup>or</sup> disobedience which grieves the Holy Spirit,

2. by resistance or restraint from His will which quenches the Spirit.

This will involve a confession of the sin or a surrender of the will to experience once again this facet of the Spirit's ministry who indwells each believer.

Peter Gillquist in his book Love Is Now says, "The question is not, 'What can I have and when can I get it?' It is rather, 'What have I got and how do I live it?' All the fullness of God lives within you if you know Christ. And He lives it in you as you simply trust Him."

Holy Ghost with light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine.  
Holy Ghost with power divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine."

Samuel Morris, an African prince who was educated in a mission school and there converted to Christ, set out to America with no funds. His chief purpose was to learn about the Holy Spirit who he had heard could, 'teach him all things.' He miraculously found his way to America.

In New York, he asked a bum on the street if he knew where he could find a certain man that the missionaries had told him about. The bum knew the man because he was head of a gospel mission. Sammy exemplified the Spirit-filled life. He was guided by the Spirit and his down-to-earth prayers were not only answered, but touched many hearts. He was a tremendous influence on fellow-students at Taylor University. The story of his life has been made into a movie called, 'Angel in Ebony' and has a challenging message both for Christians and non-Christians.

There is a beautiful picture in one of the Old Testament prophets that shows how God is for us, even in the hard things which He must bring upon us. After speaking of the sin of Israel that took that nation away from Him, God says, "Therefore, will I be unto Ephraim as a moth..." (Hosea 5:12). Some little insect comes into life and nests among the things we value. Suddenly we realize that corruption is there. God means this for a sign that will cause us to turn to Him immediately. If we accept the work of the moth and return to God, He will restore to us all that He has taken away. But suppose men do not turn to God when He sends His insect-troubles? Two verses later, He gives another word which is more terrible: "I will be unto Ephraim as a lion..." (5:14). This is the progress of God's love. He will not let us lose ourselves without exhausting all of the resources of His love. The moth may have eaten valuable possessions, but we can turn the rug around, we can put the couch against a wall where the ravages cannot be seen, we can move a lamp so that the light will not shine upon the destruction. Then He is forced to send the lion. With no warning at all, great trouble springs upon us like a beast of prey. Fear grips us. Our blood runs cold. Happy are we, if we realize that this is the Lord of love, who calls us to turn from the path where lions lurk and to run to the path of His will where no enemy can assail us. Thousands of people, however, have had the moth and the lion and have not been moved by them. God is forced to hide His face from them. They are left, perhaps in unconcern, perhaps in restless and uneasy worry, but in it all, God is being good to them, showing Himself for them by holding the door of salvation open, and calling them to Himself.

① Keith Green ② Dan DeHaan ③ Lester Rohloff ④ Grady Nutt  
Recommend light plane rides because of what they are  
enjoying . . .

From Grady Nutt tape - "All Day Singing and Dinner  
on the Ground"

"This last one, I guess, has probably been banjo picked  
and blue-grassed and guitared and organed and pianoed  
about as much as any song in church; and we've had  
fun with it, and we've finished up camp meetings with  
it. We've done all kinds of things with it. 'I'll  
Fly Away, O Glory.' And if you're not ready to 'fly  
away O glory,' you're in trouble 'cause this crew  
is going to move on with this song."

'Some glad morning when this life is o'er,  
I'll fly away.  
To that home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away  
When I die, hallelujah by and by,  
I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away  
When I die, hallelujah by and by,  
I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away  
When I die, hallelujah by and by,  
I'll fly away.'