



PRAYER & WORSHIP

Opening Prayer/Worship Song: Peace in Christ, How great is thou Art

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

John 14:25-31 (*ASK SOMEONE TO READ LOUD AND CLEAR*)

25 *“These things I have spoken to you while being present 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 things that I 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 heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

28 *You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going 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.*

29 *“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.*

30 *I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.*

31 *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.*

BACKGROUND:

- In our text, the Lord continues to encourage and comfort the disciples’ just hours before His arrest and crucifixion.
- Jesus has been their Leader, Teacher, and Master for more than three years. They have been together doing ministry, travelling to different places with their Master.
- Their whole world would soon be turned upside down. Rather than being focused on Himself, the Lord’s focus was on equipping them for the trials that they would face. His words show us how to have His joy and peace in times of trouble / trials.

more they needed to know and would also supernaturally bring to remembrance the words of Jesus, both for their own benefit and for the writing of the Gospels.

- *The Holy Spirit will help His people to remember everything what the Lord taught (His ways, His promises)*

DISCUSSION (- GET ANSWERS -)

1. What does the Lord meant when He said **“these things I have spoken to you”**?

ANS.:

- *Teachings*
- *The coming trials/tribulations*
- *Promises (this life and eternity)*

2. What did the Lord promised to His disciples before leaving them?

ANS.:

- *Holy Spirit will be sent to them by God the Father in Jesus’ Name*
- *The Holy Spirit will teach “ALL” things*
- *The Holy Spirit would teach the ‘disciples’ what*

3. What does the word “peace” mean to you?

ANS.:

- *Time without war, trouble, fear*
- *State of quietness, calmness*
- *freedom from disturbance; tranquility.*

4. What kind of peace does Jesus gives us?

ANS.:

- ***The Lord’s peace** – the Lord is “not troubled” in what the world or God’s enemies will do to Him, the peace Jesus has He wants us to have as well*
- ***He will “not” leave us ‘orphans’** -- meaning, we will not be alone (God will send the Holy Spirit)*
- ***Heavenly Peace**, and this is because Jesus’ peace descends from heaven.*

5. What is the peace that world gives us and how is it different from what the Lord Jesus gives?

ANS.:

“PEACE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE”

- *The peace that comes from the world depends on “resources” but the peace that comes from God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit depends on “relationships”*
- *Worldly peace is temporary and does not last – God’s peace is from everlasting to everlasting, The inner calm & freedom from anxiety that comes from trusting in SOVEREIGN GOD.*
- *Worldly peace betrays. It promises but does not always deliver.*

Fear of death (Heb. 2:14–15) and fear of the future are removed as Jesus’ followers trust in Him. Thus, they need not be troubled.

The world is unable to give this kind of peace.

6. In verse 28 it says “if you loved Me, you would rejoice” – what does it mean?

ANS.:

- *The disciples were troubled at the news of Jesus’ departure. In faith, they should instead rejoice, for the **sake of Jesus**, for **their own sake**, and for the **sake of the world**.*
- *The work of Jesus through the sent Holy Spirit **would be greater than His work** during the years of His earthly ministry.*

As believers, we should rejoice because:

- *The Lord Jesus returns to His Father*
- *God’s plan to restore everything to Himself involves the Lord Jesus to be born as a Man, to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, to die on the cross and rise on the 3^d day, and “return” again to rule and reign on earth... AND ALL THESE ARE COMING IN FULFILLMENT OF GOD’S REDEMPTIVE WORK*
- *The Lord will go back to the Father’s house and prepare a place for us (John 14:2-4)*

7. Let us meditate on verses 29-31:

V.29: Why the Lord have to tell these things before it comes?

ANS.:

- *So they will believe.*
- *BELIEVE that:*
 - 1) *God knows His plans and it will happen*
 - 2) *God is in control since He knows what will*

happen beforehand.

- 3) *Jesus is calling upon this prophecy as a pillar for faith*

V.30: Who is the ruler of this world and what does it mean that “he has nothing in Me”?

ANS.:

- *The ruler of this world is satan.*
- *“Nothing in Me” means that Jesus is Sinless and satan has no power over Him*
- *Jesus’ death is not because of satan’s plan, but is Jesus’s act of obedience to the Father for our sake.*

(Every sin is paid by blood, and because of God’s love He gave His only Begotten Son for our salvation... Rom. 6:23, Heb. 9:22, John 3:16)

V.31: What else is revealed to us when the Lord has spoken these things to His disciples?

ANS.:

- *The world will know that Jesus loves the Father*
- *The Lord is obedient to the Father, so like Jesus we should be obedient as well*
- *In the same manner, the Lord Jesus gives His disciples instructions*

REFLECTION

1. **When life is difficult the Lord have given us a “Helper” and He is the HOLY SPIRIT.** The Holy Spirit teaches us all things we need for us to OVERCOME.
2. **PERFECT PEACE comes with the ASSURANCE that God is ALWAYS in control and is ABOVE “ALL” circumstances.**
3. **How does this perfect peace come to us?**
 - ***Through Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:7)***
 - There is no peace for anyone who does not possess Christ and who is not resting on the finished work of Christ for salvation.
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 - ***By the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22)***
 - Holy Spirit fills our lives, so He produces this wonderful fruit within us.



➤ ***By His Word (Psalms 119:165)***

- There is a promise of perfect peace to THOSE people who love and meditate in and obey the Word of God.

➤ ***By Obedience (Leviticus 26:3-6)***

- God guarantees to us that IF we will walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, He will keep our hearts in perfect peace; if we will do our part, then God will surely do His part.

4. Whom will God keep in perfect peace?

- Whose mind is steadfast
- The one who trust Him

Isaiah 26:3 says:

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

SHARING

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1) What causes you the most anxiety?
- 2) How can I be still in the midst of the storm?