

The Promise of The Comforter
Bible Study July 29, 2021- Pastor Charles A. Hall

Purpose: To discover why Jesus asked the Father to send the Hoy Spirit, to better understand God's plan for spiritual growth, and to learn how to live obediently to Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus the Way:

John Chapter 14: verses 12-14 Christ tells the disciples that whoever believes in Him, and the works that He has done, will do even greater works, because He is going to where the Father is, not greater quality but greater quantity of works. Jesus informs the disciple that the promise of greater works are available in His name, and as His agent. Also in these verses Jesus assured His disciple of the privilege of prayer. The promise of answered prayer is based on the disciples acting as an agent of Jesus Christ. There is also a promise from Jesus that unlimited resources are available from God through the Holy Spirit as an agent of Jesus to perform the work of God.

The promise of the Holy Spirit:

John 14:15-16 This verse confirms that the Holy Spirit is "another" just like Christ, who will serve as an advocate, called alongside the disciples or each of us as an aid in times of trouble.

John 14:17 In this verse Jesus promise the disciples that the Spirit of God shall be in every believer, and is permanent (dwelleth) means to take up resident. The Holy Spirit provides the believer comfort and assurance. (also see **John 7:37-39**)

John14:18 Jesus states to the disciples again that when He departs, He will not leave them without a Comforter.

John 14:19 In a little while means – immediate; Jesus makes a promise to the disciples that they would see him again after the resurrection, even though the world would not see His post resurrection appearances.

John 14:20 Jesus Christ is secure in His relationship with the Father, and believers are secure in their relationship with Christ, and Christ is secure in His relationship with believers.

John 14:21 Jesus states those that believe His word and follow Him, show their love for Him. And he that loves Him shall also be loved by His Father. Jesus further states that He will love them and manifest (to make known) Himself to them.

John 14:22 One of the disciples asked Jesus a question, how you can make yourself known to us and not the world?

John 14:23 Jesus answered the disciple's question in the prior scripture, and states that if a man loves Him and keep His word, then the Father will love him and they shall come and abide (both the Father and Son) will indwell in that person (divine indwelling)

John 14:24 Jesus states that he who does not truly love Him, will not keep His saying, nor follow His teaching, and these words are not His words but the Father who sent Him.

John 14:25 Jesus says I speak these words while I am still present with you.

John 14:26 Jesus tells the disciple that the Comforter (Holy Ghost) who the Father will send in His name, after His death, resurrection, and ascension, will teach them and other believers all things, and bring to their remembrance whatever he told them. (Also see **Luke 24:49**)