

The Helper John 14:12-31

SERMON OUTLINE

Three realities about the Holy Spirit:

I. In the Spirit, There is Power

- A. We will do greater works that Jesus
 - 1. The greater work is the work of witness
 - 2. He will send His disciples and millions will believe
 - 3. He calls each of us to this work
- B. Whatever we ask in His name, He will do it
 - 1. To pray in His name is to pray by His authority
 - 2. To pray in His name is to pray according to His will
 - 3. Search His Word for what He's authorized us to pray

II. In the Spirit, Jesus is Present

- A. Jesus will be hidden from the world, not His followers
- B. The relationship of God to His followers is of a piece with the interrelationship of the Trinity
- C. The Holy Spirit will bring Christ's Word to His people

III. In the Spirit, There is Peace

- A. The Spirit brings me to a state of peace, assurance
- B. Jesus brings peace by absorbing violence for us
- C. God has given us a task, the authority for it, & the Helper

APPLICATIONS

- We witness with the help of the advocate
- We witness with the authority of God
- We have authority to pray according to God's will
- We don't ignore the Word; we cherish it
- We don't search for additions to the Word
- We don't fear because God is with us
- We aren't anxious because we're not alone

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When do you feel most lonely?
2. Is the Coronavirus threat causing you to trust the Holy Spirit more or less?
3. Read the Athanasian Creed (next page). Leaders, help clear up any confusion or answer questions.
4. How can we learn to pray according to God's name? (See John 15:7 and 1 John 5:14 for help).
5. What are some things in Scripture we have been authorized to pray with expectancy that God will grant our prayer?
6. How can we remind ourselves that we are not alone?

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

LAST WEEK'S HOMEWORK

1. Make a practical commitment & plan to study God's Word.
2. Plan block party

HOMEWORK

1. Pray for opportunity and boldness to witness to someone this week.
2. Ask the Lord to help you develop a reflex to pray before worrying and ask someone to help you in this.

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Athanasian Creed

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. Which faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is all one, the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet they are not three eternals, but one Eternal. As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated, but one Uncreated, and one Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Spirit Almighty. And yet they are not three almighties, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet they are not three gods, but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord. And yet not three lords, but one Lord.

For as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge each Person by Himself to be both God and Lord, so we are also forbidden by the catholic religion to say that there are three gods or three lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

And in the Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another, but all three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal. So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved must think thus of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man; God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of the substance of his mother, born in the world; perfect God and perfect man, of a rational soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father, as touching His godhead; and inferior to the Father, as touching His manhood; who, although He is God and man, yet he is not two, but one Christ; one, not by conversion of the godhead into flesh but by taking of the manhood into God; one altogether; not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ; who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, He sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the quick and the dead. At His coming all men will rise again with their bodies and shall give account for their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

2 Timothy 3:16	THINKING	DOING	
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		Correcting	Rebuking
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