

PROVISION OF HOLY SPIRIT

John 14:15-31

As Jesus gathers His followers together in the Upper Room, the night before He is crucified, He tells them what is about to happen, so that they will not be surprised, but will trust Him in the midst of His coming death & departure.

1st Message begins with object lesson about the priority for His followers: that we love and serve one another.

2nd Message, He reminds them that He's about to die & be raised, to go & prepare a place for us.

If He goes, He won't abandon us; He'll come again & take us to be with Him in the place He's preparing for us.

Message #3: Provision of Holy Spirit 14:15-31

Besides promise of His return, Jesus promises that, until His return, He'll send another Per-son, an encourager/ comforter/advocate to come alongside us to encourage, counsel, & comfort us.

In John 13, Jesus gave a new command: *to love one another*.

Jesus' followers will be distinguished by our love for one another.

The world isn't going to love us, but His followers will love one another.

Logical sequence:

If you love me, => you will keep my commandments

If you keep my commandments

=> you will love one another

=> Father will give you another paraclete/ comforter/ encourager

God will "come alongside to help" you.

Promise of the Spirit 15-17

Jesus' followers will receive the Spirit

15-16 *If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶& I will ask the Father, & he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—¹⁷the Spirit of truth.*

They love Jesus

Therefore they obey His commands

=> love each other

They know the Spirit

He **abides** *with* them

He **will be** *IN* them.

World can't receive Him,

because they don't know Him

You receive Him, because you *already* know Him

He has abided *with* you

Now He will be *in* you

Jesus' promise is that the omnipresent H.S. who has been present among God's people is going to dwell in those who have trusted Christ.

That promise is what **Pentecost** is about.

H.S. comes to dwell within the people of God.

That's a new relationship that Jesus' followers haven't enjoyed up to this time.

17 *"The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But **you know him**, for **he lives with you & will be in you**."*

He has been present with them previously but now H.S. will actually reside within them.

Jesus won't abandon His followers 18-20

Though Jesus is about to leave them, He won't abandon them.

He won't leave us orphans, with no one to help us.

The world won't see Him

But my followers will see me.

Jesus' followers will experience the reality of His presence.

He lives within us;

therefore we experience His life in us.

Therefore, WE live!

18-20 *I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, & you are in me, & I am in you.*

I and my Father are One.

When you experience the reality of my life—when you see Me, then you will realize that

I am in/with the Father, and He is in/with me.

And you will realize that YOU are in/with me

And I am in/with you.

Jesus' followers enjoy a new love relationship 21-24

We love Jesus

=> **We keep His Word**

=> We are loved by the Father

Jesus loves us

=> **Jesus reveals Himself to us**

The World doesn't love Jesus

=> **The world doesn't keep His Word**

=> **Jesus doesn't reveal Himself to them**

If you keep my commandments, we'll enjoy a distinct love relationship

It will be evident that you love me.

=> My Father loves you.

=> I'll love you, and reveal myself to you.

21 *"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, & I too will love him & show myself to him."*

That provokes a question from the other Judas (not Iscariot): **"Why are you going to show yourself to US & not to the world?"**

22-24 *"Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, 'But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us & not to the world?'"*²³ *Jesus replied, 'If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, & we will come to him & make our home with him.'*²⁴ *He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me."*

Our relationship is a love relationship, it flows out of our love for Him & His love for us.

World doesn't love me,

Therefore, it doesn't keep my word

Therefore, we won't reveal ourselves to them.

If YOU love me,

You keep my word

Therefore, the Father loves you

Therefore, we'll come to you and abide with you.

Father will send H.S. in my name 25-26

He will teach you all things-

He will remind you of what I've said.

H.S. teaches us everything we need to know & brings us peace in the midst of difficulty.

25-26 *"All this I have spoken while still with you."*²⁶ *But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things & will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

Jesus' followers receive peace 27

I will give you peace.

Therefore, don't be troubled.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled & do not be afraid."

Jesus & the Father work together for our good 28-29

Instead of being troubled by His departure, we should rejoice at it.

Father is greater yet, we'll work together for your good.

I tell you beforehand so you'll trust my word/my promise.

²⁸*"You heard me say, 'I am going away & I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I."*²⁹ *I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.*

The world ruler is coming;

He will seek to destroy Jesus.

He won't succeed

He has no power over Jesus
Jesus loves the Father and does what He commands 30-31
I am doing the Father's will.
 He will be glorified in Me.

³⁰*I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, ³¹but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave."*

With that He concludes this message and leads them out from the Upper Room

But the messages begun there continue along the road as they go.

So what are the lessons for Jesus' faithful followers today?

Jesus is no longer physically present, but He has sent H.S. to come alongside US to teach us what we need to know—to remind us of Jesus' teaching.

If we love Jesus, we too will keep His commands and He will reveal Himself to us through His Spirit.

That will be evident through our love for one another