

Upper Room Discourse
The 6 P's Jesus promises – Part 2
The Promise of the Holy Spirit
John 14:15-26

Jesus comforts his distraught disciples with six specific encouragements, the 6 P's: Today we focus on **the Promise of the Paraklete/Holy Spirit.**

v15, This is the 1st mention by Jesus of **love** for Him in this Gospel.

1. *To John there is only one test of love, and that test is obedience.* It was by His obedience that Jesus showed His love of God; and it is by their obedience that they would show their love to Jesus. **The greatness of our love for God is easy to test: It corresponds exactly** to our conformity to all that He has revealed.
2. *Salvation is not in view here. (Our love for Jesus does not save us, for that is by faith alone – sola fidei).* What is in view is that *for the believer, obedience is to love, as light is to a sunrise.*

v16-17, Jesus promised another (*allon*-of the same kind), like Himself, who exactly like Jesus is a *Parakletos*, one who is called alongside to advocate, to strengthen, encourage. He also makes a direct reference to the Trinity: **The Son** would ask the Father and **the Father** would send **the Holy Spirit.**

- *The permanence of the Holy Spirit* with the disciples was to transform not just them, but every believer that followed them, including us.
- The Spirit does not work by vague impressions, but by communicating, validating and empowering the truth of the Father and Son!
- The world cannot receive Him, because it rejects Jesus.
- The Spirit had been *with* believers in the OT, but here is a promise that He would *take up residence* in the disciples, *permanently.*

V18-20, Jesus changes the metaphor from *without a Helper* to *orphans without a parent.* He would come back, *in his Resurrection appearances until Pentecost.*

This would convincingly result in them understanding the mutual abiding, the union of Father and Son. One God, one Lord, and therefore they would also be in union with God.

V21, Love for God makes the believer more obedient to God, and that results in a more intimate relationship with God, which God's personal "love" for the believer and His self-disclosure to the believer confirm.

V22- Judas/Thaddeus question, "Why this change of plans" Prompts Jesus to show the 3 ways Christ is manifested to believers, and not to the world: 1) v23, By Fellowship- The believer is the temple of not just the Spirit, but the Father and the Son. 2) By the indwelling Holy Spirit, with particular emphasis for the Disciples becoming Apostles. V27-31, by giving true, inner peace and peace with God.