Become Peaceful

John 14:16~31



- Where are we looking for peace?
- Where is your hope for peace?
- Shalom = Centeredness; wholeness



John 14:16~20 New American Standard Bible ¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.



¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.



• Be comforted ~ The Helper is with you *forever*

- Be comforted ~ God is in you
- The GREAT comfort!



John 14:21~24

New American Standard Bible ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?"



²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. ²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.



- Be comforted ~ You will have the Father's love
- How many of us have "daddy issues" and need to have our hearts and minds renewed?
- The Trinity lives in us!
- Be comforted ~ This relationship with God empowers obedience



 To love God is to know Him for all He is, including King

 "If you know me, you'll do as I say because you know its best for you"



 Verse 21- We sing about seeing God and knowing Him more

- I know Him more fully when I obey Him
- When my allegiances shift to Christ in love, I obey Him
- I trust that His ways bring true peace



John 14:25~31 New American Standard Bible ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while abiding 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 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. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.



²⁸ You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.²⁹ Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. ³⁰ I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; ³¹ but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.



• The believer has peace at all times because of the presence of the Holy Spirit, not the absence of troubles

- Be comforted ~ I send you a Person, not a power or force
- The troubled heart gains peace as it recalibrates to love the Helper



We are commanded not to fear

 Fear is not a reason to act contrary to your new nature or your love for Christ



John 14:29~30

New American Standard Bible ²⁹ Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. ³⁰ I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;



- Peace comes through belief in the words and works of Christ
- Not those of Satan
- We cry for peace ~ Do we know Scripture?
- Peace = Tranquility; an anchor in times of trouble
- NOT the absence of troubles
- NOT a denial of troubles



• Verse 31~ If Christ lacked any peace ~

- It was for our peace
- So others would find peace



- If you love Me...
- This peace isn't given to everyone
- If you love something/someone else, how can you have peace?



- How does the world offer/give peace?
- Objects that are empty and powerless idols
- People who betray and fail
- Religions that demand works and perfections



- Where are you looking for peace and comfort?
- Who are you putting undue pressure on to be your peace?
- Damaging and unrealistic
- Re-orient your love!



BAPTISM Easter Sunday, April 8

Do you want to be baptized?

Join us TODAY for a brief meeting at the resource center immediately following the service

Jenny Lane Transformation Meeting Sunday, April 22 at 9AM With Richard Logan

New Beginnings **TODAY: Pick up invitations** to share with friends & family April 8: Easter April 15: First Sunday!