

Lighthouse Bible Church

March 30th, 2014

John 14: 22 – 31 *Scripture Reading: Luke 7: 46 - 49*

‘Rejoice when I leave for heaven’

Stand – Read – Pray

Jesus has just challenged His disciples with the fact that if they truly love Him then they need to show that love through their obedience to His commandments. That is the same call for all who are born again believers today; that they obey Jesus out of a heart of love that shows itself in the keeping of His word.

Jesus told His disciples that He would send them another Comforter, another Helper identical to Himself, which is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. We looked at the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the fact that He has the personality and character of God the Father and God the Son because He is the 3rd person of the Holy Trinity.

We saw that, for the disciples, the Holy Spirit dwelled with them, but after Christ ascends to heaven the Holy Spirit will dwell IN them. We saw this as the change from the Old Testament working of the Holy Spirit to the New Testament ministry of the Holy Spirit indwelling all who are born again of the Spirit.

And we began to look at the tremendous truth that someone who is born again, and evidences that through His love of Christ and obedience to His word, experiences the love of the Father and the Son and the Spirit that all make their home in them.

And Jesus added that He will manifest Himself to them and not to the world because the natural man, the unregenerate heart can not know or see Him. And that is where we pick it up this morning in Verse 22.

Verse 22: Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, Lord how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us and not to the world?

The disciples are listening to all of this and the question that Judas asks may have been one that they all wanted to know the answer too. So Judas asks Jesus. Notice that it says **Judas (not Iscariot)** it is because no one wants to be identified with Judas Iscariot, the traitor, even if he has the same name.

This Judas was the son of James according to **Luke 6: 16, Acts 1: 13** and was called **Lebbaeus or Thaddaeus** according to **Matthew 10: 3**. He asks this question because maybe he thinks that Jesus is going to come back physically and if He comes back physically then why would the world not be able to see Him if we can or if He is the Savior of the world, then why will the world not see Him.

Verse 23: Jesus answered and said to him ‘if anyone loves Me he shall keep My word and My Father will love him and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

That sounds exactly like what we saw in **Verse 21** and what we saw in **Verse 15**, and what we saw in **Chapter 15 and verse 10**, because it is. What Jesus says to Judas and the others is; My Father and I are not going to manifest Ourselves physically to you, but spiritually to those who love and obey Us.

I will **manifest** or show, reveal, declare or make known, is how that word is used, Myself to you through your spiritual senses, in your heart and by the power of the Holy Spirit. The unsaved world cannot see nor do they understand that, as we saw in **1st Corinthians 2: 14**. Jesus is talking about a spiritual revelation, a spiritual manifestation of Himself.

Jesus says ‘the only one who I will manifest Myself to is the one who loves Me and obeys My word and knows Me and I know them and My Father and I love them. The genuineness of your love is seen in your obedience to My word and apart from the Holy Spirit of God you can not be in union with Me or My Father.

It is like what Jesus said in **Luke 6: 46** **why do you call Me Lord and not do the things which I say?** You say you love Me but you don’t do what I have told you to do. Then Jesus goes on in that passage in Luke 6 to talk about the spiritual foundation being built either on the solid rock or the shifting earth or sand.

Jesus told the people in **Matthew 7: 21 – 23** **not everyone who says to Me Lord Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven...** and then He says **whoever hears these sayings of Mine and does them ...** and talks about the 2 foundations there.

It is not that we live a perfect obedient life because we can’t, we all sin and confess that sin before God and receive His cleansing. It is not really even about the things that we do, as important as they are, it is about the motive and desire of the heart with which we do them. Is it from a heart of love?

It is like Peter when He denied Jesus 3 times and Jesus confronted Him after His resurrection in **John 21: 15 - 17** asked him if he loved Him and Peter said yes Lord you know I do. His actions and words didn’t show it but his heart was filled with love for Jesus and that is what Jesus saw and that is why He forgave him and said feed my sheep. God knows our hearts and that is a good thing.

You see, a true lover of Jesus will hear and keep His word, He will obey the word of God and they will experience the fullness of the Trinity living within them. When Jesus prays to the Father in **John 17: 6** He says **those you have given to Me ‘have KEPT your word’**. That is always the mark of true love for Jesus, obedience.

The world will never know or see nor will Jesus manifest Himself to them because they don't love Him. Unless that changes, they will only see Him and the time they are standing before God in judgment. That is why Jesus says in: v24

Verse 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.

Jesus says 'My Father and I cannot manifest ourselves to someone who does not know Me or love Me or obey Me because if they refuse to love and hear and obey Me, they are rejecting the Father as well because He sent Me and I speak His words. The choice is still ours today; to love and obey and experience the fullness of the Trinity living within us or to reject Him and not know the fullness of God.

Verses 25 -26: these things I have spoken to you while being present with you 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 things that I said to you.

Jesus says 'the Father's words that I have spoken to you over these last 3 years, the Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance and teach you other things. As we have seen before, apart from the revelation of truth by the Holy Spirit, we cannot know spiritual truth.

Just as the Father sent the Son in His name so the Spirit will be sent in Jesus name, in the fullness of who Jesus is. And He will **teach and bring to your remembrance all things Jesus said** to them.

In **John 2: 22** it says when He had risen from the dead His disciples **REMEMBERED** that He had said this to them and they believed the **Scriptures and the word which Jesus had said.**

John 12: 16 at Jesus' triumphal entry it says **His disciples did not understand these things at first but when Jesus was glorified then they REMEMBERED that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.**

In **Acts 11: 15 – 16** when Peter was explaining to the others about his vision and sharing the gospel with Cornelius and his family it says **and as I began to speak the Holy Spirit fell upon them as upon us at the beginning. Then I REMEMBERED the word of the Lord how He said 'John indeed baptized with water but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**

Before Pentecost, before the Holy Spirit came in **Acts 2: 1 – 4**, the disciples didn't fully understand everything, but when the Holy Spirit began to indwell them, everything came into sharp focus for them. The Spirit would come and teach them all about the fullness of Christ and all that the scriptures said about Him. In **1st John 2: 20, 27** it says **but you have an anointing from the Holy One and you know all things ... the anointing you received from Him abides in you and you do not need that anyone teach you but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.** Then Jesus says in Verse 27

Verse 27: peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

Jesus tells His disciples again that they don't have to be **troubled or afraid** of what is about to take place. And the reason being, Jesus says, **peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you.**

Jesus is about to die on a cross and in that death He is going to provide **peace** to those who put their faith and trust in Him. **Colossians 1: 20** says **having made peace through the blood of His cross.**

Romans 5: 1 says **therefore having been justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.** Paul wrote in **Romans 15: 13** **may the God of hope fill you with all joy and PEACE in believing that you may abound I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.** Jesus promised to leave them with peace and it is the peace of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Isn't that one of the fruits of the Spirit of **Galatians 5: 22** love, joy PEACE...

Jesus not only says 'peace I leave with you' then He says **My peace I give to you.** God is the God of peace and the giver of peace. That is why **Philippians 4: 9** says **the God of peace will be with you.** As a matter of fact if you put the fruit of the Holy Spirit being peace in Galatians 5: 22 with the salutations from **Galatians 1: 3** and many other places which is **grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,** you have the entire trinity imparting peace to a believer.

Jesus here calls it **MY peace.** The same peace that He exhibited in every area of His life as He drew near to the cross He is giving to them and to us through the Holy Spirit of God. Then Jesus says **not as the world gives do I give to you.**

The world tries to offer peace but all they can offer is a temporary relief and that is only through self-indulgence, materialism, alcohol, religion, money, status or whatever. There is no true peace for those who do not know God. One writer said this "If unbelievers understood the wrath of God and the agonizing unrelieved eternal torment awaiting them in hell, they would never enjoy a moment's peace in this life". *N.T. John 12 – 21 MacArthur page 126*

The world's peace is no peace at all. **Isaiah 48: 22** says **there is no peace for the wicked.** **Romans 3: 17** says **the path of peace they have not known.** The world's peace is an illusion based on temporary satisfaction. The peace that Jesus offers passes understanding and guards your hearts and is eternal.

And that is offered to anyone here today who is not at peace with God. You can be at peace with Him by listening to and receiving the gospel of peace, the word of God, that can save you from sin and death and eternal punishment. So Jesus says in Verse 28

Verse 28: You have heard Me say to you ‘I am going away and coming back to you. If you loved Me you would rejoice because I said ‘I am going to the Father, for My Father is greater than I’.

Jesus reminds them of what He had told them earlier about going back to His Father in heaven and that He would come back for them. Rather than being troubled in heart and afraid, they should be **rejoicing** because He is going back to the Father to be exalted and glorified. This is a cause for celebration, not fear or troubled in heart.

And you know what; it is the same with us today. When someone dies, yes we sorrow but not as those who have no hope, we sorry but in the midst of that sorrow we rejoice, if they are a believer. Why? Because of where they have gone, right.

Jesus said ‘the One I am going back to is **greater than I**. He is not saying that He is less than God or inferior to God. He has already said over and over again that He is God. What He is saying is; in my humanness I have submitted Myself to the Father and His will. **Philippians 2: 5 – 11** **Hebrews 2: 9** Then in Verse 29

Verse 29: and now I have told you before it comes that when it does come to pass you may believe.

Jesus is telling them that all of this is going to happen just like He said it would. They would arrest Me in Jerusalem, they would hold mock trials, they would beat and scourge Me, they would crucify Me and I will die, they would bury Me and 3 days later I will rise from the grave and you will see Me again and later I will go to My Father and I will send you the Holy Spirit to teach you and empower you.

Jesus has predicted many events leading up to His own death that came to pass and helped the disciples increase their faith and believe in Him. No one can predict the future with 100% accuracy except for God and the reason He can **Isaiah 42: 9** and **Isaiah 46: 10** says that He **declares the end from the beginning**.

Verse 30: I will no longer talk much with you for the ruler of this world is coming and he has nothing in Me.

Jesus says 'I can't talk with you much longer because these events are about to take place'. Satan's plan in using Judas to betray Him and the Jews to accuse Him and the Romans to kill Him, is about to unfold. Jesus says **the ruler of this world is coming**. This we know is talking about Satan **John 12: 31** called him **the ruler of this world**. **John 16: 11** **the ruler of this world is judged**.

This is the climax of the showdown that has been brewing throughout human history that started back in **Genesis 3: 15** with the prediction of what is about to happen to Jesus and to Satan. When Satan bruises Jesus's heel on the cross, Jesus will crush Satan's head through His death and resurrection. **1st John 3: 8** says that **Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil**. *Explain 'ruler of the world'*.

Then in Verse 31

Verse 31: but that the world may know that I love the Father and as the Father gave Me commandment so I do. Arise let us go from here.

You want to know something? Not only did Jesus show His love to US in His crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection but He was also showing His love for His Father as well.

‘I want you to know that I love My Father more than anything and it will be shown by My obedience to Him in My death on the cross’. So if you love Me, He says, show Me by keeping My words. Show Me by your actions just like I will show you by Mine to the Father.

Gospel message here

Lighthouse Bible Church
March 30th, 2014
John 14: 22 – 31
‘Rejoice when I leave for heaven’

Introduction and Review:

Verse 22:

Luke 6: 16, Acts 1: 13, Matthew 10: 3

Verse 23:

John 14: 15, 21, 15: 10, 1st Corinthians 2: 14
Luke 6: 46, Matthew 7: 21 – 23, John 21: 15 – 17
John 17: 6

Verses 24 – 26:

John 2: 22, John 12: 16, Acts 11: 15 – 16
Acts 2: 1 – 4, 1st John 2: 20, 27

Verse 27:

Colossians 1: 20, Romans 5: 1, 15: 13
Galatians 5: 22, Philippians 4: 9, Isaiah 48: 22
Romans 3: 17

Verse 28:

Philippians 2: 5 – 11, Hebrews 2: 9

Verses 29 – 31:

Isaiah 42: 9, 46: 10, John 12: 31, 16: 11
Genesis 3: 15, 1st John 3: 8

Lighthouse Bible Church
March 30th, 2014
John 14: 22 – 31
‘Rejoice when I leave for heaven’

Introduction and Review:

Verse 22:

Luke 6: 16, Acts 1: 13, Matthew 10: 3

Verse 23:

John 14: 15, 21, 15: 10, 1st Corinthians 2: 14
Luke 6: 46, Matthew 7: 21 – 23, John 21: 15 – 17
John 17: 6

Verses 24 – 26:

John 2: 22, John 12: 16, Acts 11: 15 – 16
Acts 2: 1 – 4, 1st John 2: 20, 27

Verse 27:

Colossians 1: 20, Romans 5: 1, 15: 13
Galatians 5: 22, Philippians 4: 9, Isaiah 48: 22
Romans 3: 17

Verse 28:

Philippians 2: 5 – 11, Hebrews 2: 9

Verses 29 – 31:

Isaiah 42: 9, 46: 10, John 12: 31, 16: 11
Genesis 3: 15, 1st John 3: 8