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JESUS' PROMISE OF ANOTHER COMFORTER
JOHN 14:16

Introduction

We continue this morning looking at **JESUS** with **HIS DISCIPLES** giving them the instruction that they would **NEED** for what was about to come in their lives! **JESUS** knew exactly what **HIS DISCIPLES** would **NEED**!

(This should help us today because JESUS KNOWS OUR PRESENT, HE KNOWS OUR FUTURE and HE KNOWS WHAT WE HAVE NEED OF for what we must face in the days ahead as well!)

On this very evening that **JESUS** was saying these things, **HE** would be **ARRESTED, TRIED, and MISTREATED** every step of the way! **HE** would then be **CONDEMNED to DIE** a torturous **DEATH** by way of **CRUCIFIXION!** **HE** would be led to **GOLGOTHA'S HILL** and nailed to a rugged **CROSS** where **HE** would **SUFFER** and **DIE** for **OUR SIN!** **HIS BODY** would then be **BURIED** and would be in a **TOMB** for three days after which **HE** would be **RESURRECTED!** And then ultimately, **HE** would **ASCEND to HIS FATHER'S** throne in **HEAVEN!**

JESUS knew that these events would shake the **DISCIPLES** down to their very core and even challenge the **FOUNDATION** of their **FAITH** in **HIM** that **HE** established in their lives during the time they walked with **HIM!**

Think about it! At the beginning of **HIS MINISTRY**, **JESUS** had called these **DISCIPLES** to **FOLLOW HIM!** For about three years these **DISCIPLES** had faithfully **FOLLOWED JESUS** and **HE** had been a **COMFORTER** to them during that entire time!

Now **JESUS** was talking about leaving them and while we can only imagine the thoughts that must have been going through their minds, **JESUS** knew exactly **WHAT** they were **THINKING** as well as the **EMOTIONS** they were **FEELING!**

One of those thoughts, no doubt, was that **JESUS, the source of their COMFORT**, wasn't going to be with them any more!

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JESUS then, knowing the anxiety and other things they would face in the coming days, made them the **PROMISE we find in Verse 16.** **JESUS SAID THAT HE WOULD PRAY HIS FATHER AND HIS FATHER WOULD GIVE THEM "ANOTHER COMFORTER!"**

Let's break this verse down:

- I. **WE SEE JESUS' MINISTRY AS OUR INTERCESSOR!**
JESUS said here, **"...I will pray the Father..."**

INTERCESSION is **PRAYING, PETITIONING, ENTREATING,** or **MEDIATING on behalf of one's self or on behalf of another!**

We did some of that as a **CHURCH** in our **PRAYER** at the beginning of our service today! I asked you to join me in **PRAYER!**

Matthew 18:19— *"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."*

Could I tell you that **PRAYER** is the most important thing that we do in our **WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE** as a **CHURCH!** We take a **LOOK AT PRAYER NEEDS**, we **TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS**, we read our **MISSIONARY LETTERS** and share their **REQUESTS**, and we **PRAY to GOD** in **JESUS' NAME**, **INTERCEDING** on behalf of all who we pray for!

Many who claim to be **BORN AGAIN** minimize what they can do in service for the **LORD!** I've said this before and I'll say it again...One **MINISTRY** that **EVERY BELIEVER** can have a part in is the **MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION** or **MINISTRY OF PRAYER!**

When we **PRAY** for those who have needs, we are doing an important work both **FOR CHRIST** and **WITH CHRIST** by participating in **CHRIST'S WORK** of **INTERCEDING to GOD** on behalf of others!

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JESUS INTERCEDING on our behalf is one of the greatest **MINISTRIES HE** has **DONE** and continues to **DO** for us!
And get this...It is only because **JESUS INTERCEDES** for us that we can **INTERCEDE** on behalf of ourselves and others!

So, let's look at **JESUS** being our **INTERCESSOR** from the **BIBLE**:

1. **MESSIAH being our INTERCESSOR was Prophesied!**
(Isaiah 53:11-12)

2. **MESSIAH being our INTERCESSOR was Pictured!**
(In the tabernacle ...according to Hebrews 9:23-24)
The **Great High Priest** ministering on behalf of the people was a picture of the **INTERCESSOR** ministry of **MESSIAH**!

3. **MESSIAH being our INTERCESSOR was Promised!**
(Here in Vs 16 of our text – “I will pray the Father...”
We'll see more about this in a few minutes!)

4. **MESSIAH being our INTERCESSOR was Proven!**
(John 17:1-26 which we will get to later in our series!)

5. **MESSIAH being our INTERCESSOR was Procured!**
Hebrews 9:11-12–“11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”

6. **MESSIAH being our INTERCESSOR was Proclaimed!**
By the Apostle Paul

Romans 8:31-34

1 Timothy 2:5–“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”

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MESSIAH being our INTERCESSOR was Proclaimed!

By the Writer Of Hebrews

*Hebrews 7:25–“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing **he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**”*

By the Apostle John– 1 John 2:1-2

SO, *WE SEE JESUS' MINISTRY AS OUR INTERCESSOR!*

II. WE SEE JESUS' PROMISE OF THE FATHER'S GIFT!
*“...and HE **SHALL GIVE** YOU ANOTHER COMFORTER!”*

The two words “*shall give*” is translated from one Greek word that means that the **FATHER** would definitely *grant* the **SON'S** request!

We would expect this because there is **PERFECT AGREEMENT** or **PERFECT HARMONY** in the **HOLY TRINITY—GOD the FATHER, the SON, and HOLY SPIRIT!** (There is no **SCHISM** and can be no **SCHISM** there—**ONLY UNITY!**)

JESUS was confident of what **HIS FATHER** would do! Because as **HE** previously said **HE** was in the **FATHER** and the **FATHER** was in **HIM!** (*John 14:11*)

HIS FATHER would **GRANT JESUS'** request on their behalf because **JESUS ALWAYS** did that which **PLEASED** the **FATHER!** (That was prophesied in *Isaiah 42:1–“Behold my servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.”* and was that was fulfilled in **JESUS!** At **HIS BAPTISM** (*Matthew 3:17*); in **HIS LIFE** (*Matthew 12:17-21*); at **HIS TRANSFIGURATION** (*Matthew 17:5*); in **HIS CRUCIFIXION** (*Isaiah 53:10-11*)

JESUS is a **GIFT** given **US** from the **FATHER!**
(John 3:16; Romans 6:23)

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THE COMFORTER is also a **GIFT** given **US** from the **FATHER!**

The HEAVENLY FATHER sure gives us some good gifts!

James 1:17–“ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

We've seen that **JESUS** only speaks what is **TRUE!** So, what **JESUS** said here was a **REALITY!**

*WE SEE THE JESUS' MINISTRY AS OUR INTERCESSOR...
WE SEE THE JESUS' PROMISE OF THE FATHER'S GIFT...*

III. WE SEE THE GIFT THAT JESUS PRAYED THE FATHER TO GIVE THEM WOULD BE “ANOTHER COMFORTER!” (Vs 16)

The **FATHER** had sent **HIS SON** into the world to be a **COMFORTER** to man! *(Let's elaborate on this!)*

After **JESUS' FINISHED HIS MINISTRY AS COMFORTER**, **HE** would be returning to **HIS FATHER**. But we see that **JESUS** promised to **PRAY** the **FATHER** that **HE** would **GIVE** to them **ANOTHER COMFORTER**. *(Look at the promise in Vs 18)*

The word that **JESUS** used in *verse 16* that is translated “*another*” is a word that means “*another of the same kind.*”

(This is important because there is a different Greek word that can also be translated “another” that means “another of a different kind.”)

But this **COMFORTER** that **JESUS** would **PRAY** for and that the **FATHER** would send them would be “*another of the same kind.*” Meaning the **COMFORTER** would be like **JESUS!**

Again, we find there is **UNITY** in the **TRINITY!**

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The word that is translated **COMFORTER** is a word that means “*alongside to help.*” **JESUS** had been “*alongside to help*” **HIS DISCIPLES** from the moment **HE** called them to **FOLLOW HIM!**

JESUS had told them that **HE** was going away, but **HE** said the **COMFORTER** that the **FATHER** would give them would **ABIDE WITH THEM FOREVER!**

We would expect as much from the one that **PAUL** calls **THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT!** *(2 Corinthians 1:3)*

IV. WE SEE JESUS IDENTIFIED THIS COMFORTER AS THE HOLY GHOST AND SPIRIT OF TRUTH!

1. The **SPIRIT OF TRUTH** in *14:17; 15:26; 16:13.*
2. The **HOLY GHOST** in *14:26.*

Conclusion

Now, we'll have more to say about the **HOLY GHOST** and **HIS MINISTRY** next week **LORD** willing!

But, oh what a **MIGHTY GOD** we serve! **HE** is the only **GOD!** **HE** loved us enough to **GIVE US THE GIFT OF HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON!** *(John 3:16)*

GOD sent **JESUS** to die for our **SIN** so that we wouldn't have to be separated from **HIM** in **HELL**, but could have **ETERNAL LIFE** and a **HEAVENLY HOME** instead just by **BELIEVING ON THE FINISHED WORK OF HIS SON!**

Romans 6:23–“For the wages of SIN is DEATH, but the GIFT OF GOD is ETERNAL LIFE through JESUS CHRIST our LORD!”

DO YOU HAVE JESUS TODAY? IF NOT, YOU WON'T MAKE IT TO HEAVEN! So come, **BELIEVE** on **HIM TODAY** as your **LORD** and **SAVIOUR** because **TODAY...RIGHT NOW** is the only time any of us has!

And when you receive **GOD'S SON**, you'll get a **BONUS GIFT!** You'll get **GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT WHO** is given to be with you **FOREVER** and to be your **COMFORTER** in this life! It's true!