

A LOOK AT THE TEACHING OF JESUS: John Ch. 13 -17

Introduction: Situation today

Danger of extremes or 'fear' of Holy Spirit's work

**Note: Jesus' parting - teaching on coming Spirit
Chapter 13:1 re gift of the Holy Spirit**

John 14 v 16-18: COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENCE

- a) Will be sent by request of Son to Father for disciples
- b) Gift of the Father
- c) "Another" Counsellor
- d) Spirit of Truth – closeness of the Son's and Spirit's work 14⁶; 4²³
- e) A "forever" gift
- f) Unknown to world; known to disciples
- g) "With" - now "in" disciples

John 14 v 25-27 *TEACHER*

- a) *Counsellor
- b) HOLY Spirit
- c) *Sent by Father, in the Son's name
- d) Teacher – not new teaching. Background – Jesus the Rabbi
- e) Promise of peace – connection with work of Spirit. (cf John 20 v 21-22)

John 15 v 26-27: WITNESS

- a) *Counsellor
- b) Sent by Son, from Father
- c) *Spirit of Truth
- d) Points to Christ not Himself. The testifier...
We must also testify of Early Church

illuminating Christ: God's promised precious gift to each believer in His Son

John 16 v 5-16: COUNSEL FOR THE PROSECUTION

a) It is for your good that I am going away – Why?

Three reasons: (i) _____

(ii) _____

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b) *I will send

c) Now Advocate becomes prosecutor

Spirit's activity in the world:

convincing/convicting of Sin, Righteousness, Judgement

apart from His work people do not really know the Truth about the above.

Note: implications for evangelism

d) *Guide into whole area of truth

e) Won't speak own ideas

f) Tell you what is yet to come. Spirit of Prophecy – all need to know

g) Spirit's job to glorify Son, not Himself (v 14)

h) Spirit's job to glorify Father

1 Corinthians 12-14 EQUIPPER/GIFT GIVER

Gifts of the Trinity 12:4-6 For the common good v 7 ... as He determines v11

The body picture, arranged by God, weaker parts indispensable v12,18,22,25,27

Not all given the same gifts v29, 30, 31

Love, the mark of the Christian- i.e. character not gifting chapter 13

Seek gifts that build up the church, the place of prophecy 14:3,4,12,39,40

Note some implications from John's material:

1. Holy Spirit is a person (15²⁶; 16¹³). Fullness of Holy Spirit then...

– Not more of Him, but give Him more of us!

2. Where one member of the Trinity is – other two present (14²³; 17¹⁴)

3. Holy Spirit – create holiness/Christlikeness

4. Teacher – teaches us to be Christlike and Christminded

- Fill us and dwell in hearts to give us Christ's peace

- Never to leave us

- Help us to testify

*In every believer. Challenge to open ourselves to Him each day

5. Spirit's work in bringing us to know Christ and be saved

- Own conversion. Undervalued today - Evangelistic Implications