

Jesus Sends the Coming Comforter

John 14:15-31

Introduction: The greatest promise of power ever made...vastly more powerful than nuclear energy or electromagnetic power combined...came from the lips of Jesus in the upper room. Here Jesus introduced His disciples to God's ingenious plan to send the all-powerful, always-present Holy Spirit.

Obedience to God founded on love (not duty or approval) is evidence that we love Him. (vs.15)

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit (vs. 16-18)

Jesus had to leave for the Holy Spirit to come (vs. 18-21)

Judas' clarifying question (vs. 22-24)

The work of the coming Holy Spirit. (vs. 25-27)

The purpose of Jesus' planned departure (vs. 28-29)

So little time...so few words. (vs. 30-31)

Conclusion: Seven major ministries of the Holy Spirit.

1. Convicts unbelievers of sin, righteousness and judgment: *John 16:8-11*

2. Regenerates or causes us to become believers:

John 3:1-8; Titus 3:5, I Peter 1:23-25; James 1:18

3. Indwells and baptizes the believer:

I Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:9; John 14:16; I Corinthians 12:13

4. Seals us: *Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30*

5. Imparts gifts: *I Corinthians 12:7-11*

6. Fills the believer: *Ephesians 5:15-21; Galatians 5:16*

7. Causes believers to bear fruit:

Galatians 5:22-23 — The characteristics of Jesus Christ.