

“EQUIPPING PROMISES FOR BELIEVERS”

John Chapter 16

INTRODUCTION:

A. At the time of the events of John Chapter 16, Jesus knew that the time of His departure was at hand.

1. He knew that He must leave His disciples **by way of the cross!!**

2. He **knew the effects his death**, ^{#1}at the hands of the powerful religious leaders, and ^{#2}upon the cross, would have upon this **"new"** and **"young,"** church. **This was the reason for such statements as:**

John 14:1-3 *"Let (permit) not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*

John 16:33 *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*

2. He knew what lay ahead of them, as far as the world's attitude would be toward them as His followers.

John 15:18-19 *"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."*

John 15:1-3 *"These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me."*

3. Therefore, Jesus left them with many encouraging promises, which was to equip them for their life's work for Him. **Promises that will also help to equip us as we work for Him.**

I. EQUIPPING PROMISES.

A. **Promise of the Comforter** (Grk. word. "Paraclete").

1. **Paraclete** means: "*One called along-side (companion)*". This means that the Comforter, Holy Ghost, is a ¹traveling companion, a ²sharing com-panion, a ³confiding companion, and an ⁴identifying companion.

2. The Holy Ghost was to be to them all that Christ had been.

a. He is given to be to us all that Christ would be, were **He present today**.

3. Spirit's **invisible Presence** is just as real as the visible presence of Christ would be, were He present today. **Have you found it to be so?**

B. Promises of Guidance and Teaching.

1. The Holy Ghost will teach you all present and coming truths.

I Cor. 2:10 "...the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God."

John 16:13 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will **guide you** into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come."

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach you** all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

2. **Somone said**, "He will do His work in us just as effectively as Christ has done His work for us." **Which we know cannot be improved upon!**

C. The Promise Of His Coming Again.

John 16:22 "And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh away."

1. This promise was literally fulfilled when He arose from the dead and showed Himself to them for 40 days.

2. There is a **broader fulfillment** for the saints that await His return.

John 14:3-4 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."

D. The Promise Of Answered Prayer.

John 16: 23-24 "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

E. The Promise Of Peace.

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

a. Jesus promises us a peace that is not dependent upon circum-stances, nor canceled by disappointment or tribulations.

F. The Promise Of Victory

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the

world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

2 Cor. 2:14 *"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ."*

Rom. 8:35-37 *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Titus 2:11-14 *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might ¹redeem us from all iniquity, and ²purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

CONCLUSION:

A. The purpose of Christ giving us these "Equipping Promises" is that ¹we might arm ourselves with them in His absence through the Power of the Holy Ghost, and ²fight the good fight of faith until He returns for us.

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