

The Gospel of John

The Passion of Christ John 12-21



John 15:26 - 6:4

2/9/20 AM

I NEED ALL THE HELP I CAN GET

Introduction:

I. THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT (15:26-27)

A. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit (vs. 26)

“When the Helper comes”

“whom I will send to you from the Father”

“that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father”

Nicene Creed (as amended in AD 381): “[We believe] in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified....”

Nicene Creed (as amended again by the Western Church in the late 6th century): “[W believe] in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father **and the Son** [*filioque*], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.”

“He will testify about Me”

B. The Motivation of the Holy Spirit (vs. 27)

“...and you will testify also”

“because you have been with Me from the beginning”

II. THE WITNESS OF THE SAINTS (16:1-4)

A. Don't Stumble (vs. 1-3)

“These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling.”

“They will make you outcasts from the synagogue”

“These things” appears elsewhere as...

- > “teaching” (Rom. 16:17)
- > “the faith” (Tit. 1:13; I Tim. 3:9; Jude 3)
- > “the truth” (I Tim. 2:4; 3:15; 4:3)
- > “the deposit” (I Tim. 6:20; II Tim. 1:14)
- > “the pattern of sound words” (II Tim. 1:13)
- > “the traditions” (II Thess. 2:15)
- > “the apostles’ teaching” (Acts 2:42; c.f. II Tim. 2:2)
- > “what we have heard” (Heb. 2:1)
- > “what was heard from the beginning” (I Jn. 2:14)

About this body of truth, we are to...

- > remind, recall
- > stand firm, follow
- > deliver, entrust
- > know, believe
- > have, hold fast, guard
- > contend earnestly

“but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.”

“These things they will do because they have not known the Father or Me.”

B. Do Stay the Course (vs. 4)

“but these things I have spoken to you”

“so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them”

“These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.”

Conclusion:

- 1) We have been given the Holy Spirit to supply the strength to stand firm, the power to proclaim truth, and the wisdom to walk worthy of our Savior.
- 2) It is our responsibility to faithfully walk-the-walk, proclaim the truth, and stand firm.
- 3) In doing so, we must understand that it's going to get worse before it gets better.

Food for Thought:

- 1) Describe the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) How is our testimony linked to the testimony of the Holy Spirit?
- 3) What is the best assurance against stumbling in our witness for Christ?
- 4) Of what should we testify when we speak the gospel to others?