

“Understanding the Coming Spirit”

John 15:25 - 16:15

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INTRO: **Video:** Gospel of John 15:17-25 (“love is hated”)

T/S: Let’s remember where we are in the series...

CONTEXT: Gospel of John... ch.13 marked key transition:

- PRIVATE vs. PUBLIC ministry of Jesus
- PURGE Judas
- PURIFY the Church with command to love
- PROMISE of grace to passionate followers
- PARACLETES: Jesus, Holy Spirit, Believers
- PRODUCE... verb & noun: vine & branches
- PERSECUTION... Love is hated! (You too)

T/S: *“As the Father has sent Me, I also send you”* - John 20:21

BIG IDEA: Christ wants every Christian to understand the promises & purposes of His indwelling Spirit!

PREVIEW:

v.25 S. Support & Sustain in Suffering (vv.17-25)

vv.26-27 P. Purpose: empower the Great Commission (Acts 1:8)

vv.1-4 I. Inform & Inspire

vv.5-7 R. Required Refining

vv.8-11 I. Initiate & Illuminate – “mMm”

vv.12-15 T. Tell & Teach Timeless Truth

T/S: **VIDEO:** Gospel of John 15:25 – 16:15

S. Support Saints in Suffering:

v.25

*...this is to fulfill what is written in their Law:
'They hated Me without reason.'*

See the Spirit's: ***SUPPORT***

v.25 = Confirming Conflict is Coming (vv.17-25)

Luke 9:23-24 = *23And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.
24"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.*

VIDEO: "Love Alone Is Worth the Fight"

P. Purpose: to empower the Great Commission

vv.26-27 P. Purpose & Power (link Acts 1:8)

²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—He will bear witness about Me. ²⁷And you also must bear witness, for you have been with Me from the beginning.

See the Spirit’s: **PURPOSE**

- A. Witness is **TO** the **world** (implied)
- B. Witness is **FROM** the **Father** (26a)
- C. Witness is **ABOUT** the **Son** (26b)
- D. Witness is **THRU** the **Christians** (27)

“bear witness” = verb form of “witness” (John 15:26-27)

Greek Strong's Number: 3140

Greek Word: μαρτυρέω

Transliteration: martyreō

Phonetic Pronunciation: *mar-too-reh'-o*

Root: from [<G3144>](#)

Cross Reference: TDNT - 4:474,564

Part of Speech: v

Vine's Words: [Report](#), [Testify](#), [Witness](#)

Compare with Acts 1:8 (“witnesses”)

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- Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

v.26 = See the "ministry of Trinity" 2X within this one verse...

See "Paraclete" (Helper) reintroduced in v.26 for the 3rd (with #4 & #5 coming later in this passage), since Christ's "private" ministry began in ch.13 (#1 & #2 were both in ch.14).

Note: v.26 precedes Acts 1:8. See the parallels & empowerment described & defined herein...

v.27 = Whereas v.26 precedes & prescribes Acts 1:8...

*v.27 provides & proclaims
the relationship between the Sender, the Savior,
the Spirit & the Saints...*

KEY: the "God quad" (Trinity + Christian/Church) is clearly:

- A. Unified in the Great Commission
- B. Empowering the Great Commission
- C. Prioritizing the Great Commission (within the Trinity)
- D. Appointing ALL Spirit-filled to fulfill the Great Commission

See how the biblical followers of Christ will "also" witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ "with" (in tandem, as part of a joint effort... see John 20:21 again!) the Holy Spirit.

*Thus, not only is the Spirit of God
(the Spirit of Jesus)
working in you & thru you...*

***HE's AT WORK ALL AROUND YOU,
near & far, now & forevermore!***

*** v27 underscores & helps to give explanation to the "Omni" characteristics of God (the Father, Son, & Spirit).

Contrast our Messiah vs. our ministry...

**“Our ministry is the 'means'...
but our Messiah is the end.”**

- JDP

*** Is your ministry the “*keyhole*” through which the world sees, hears, and encounters the risen Lord & His redefining gospel? Or, as I fear is the case with so many ministering church-goers, is your Christianity the keyhole through which you & your ministry are the driving force & focus - absent of divine faith; thus proving the "good" being done is being done without God.

ILLUSTRATION:

A "bloat" of gathered hippos = a cancerous portrait of the west's lukewarm, "visible," consumeristic-church... By contrast, in the midst of biblical persecution, the visible "bloat" would no doubt be quickly exposed & tragically replaced with the comparatively anorexic "invisible" Church.

Remember... Christ has commanded us to OBEY
the Great Commission, NOT sit upon
some *"great cushion."*

Note: "Quilt" = individual Christians in a local church...

At the same time, "Quilt" = individual churches in Christ's kingdom...

Holy Spirit connectivity (a.k.a. "koinonia")

Too many church-going religionists are comfortable "inviting Jesus to lunch," and in so doing, rationalize themselves to be redeemed... However, The Lord is no lunch date... Sitting down with Him is not the same as surrendering-to & serving Him... Jesus is not some insignificant, invited guest... He's the King and Creator of the Universe, the Owner of every privilege, the Initiator of every blessing, the One to whom every knee will bow and every tongue confess...

Don't you EVER become flippant with Jesus...

Don't you EVER forget - Jesus Christ is LORD!

I ■ Inform & Inspire:

¹“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor Me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

See the Spirit's: ***INPUT***

vv.1-4a. = Combatting Spirit
(Combatting the world)

Intentionally-informs – to prevent falling away

Irreverent-injustice – “you’ll be put out of the church... for BE-ing the Church.”

Injurious-imposters - “they will kill Christians in the name of Christ,” – others will murder God’s children in name of their false god...”

Ignorant-indignation – “ultimately, all sin (and its poison fruit is born out of a lack of love & spiritual ignorance toward the One true God.”

Inspires-individually - “Forewarned = Forearmed.”
Per the Spirit, let these prophetic warnings serve to inspire you in troubling times...

R. Required Refining: (vv.4b. – 7)

(R. a.k.a. a Remarkable Realization)

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.”

See the Spirit’s: ***REFINING***

vv.4b.-7. = Comforting Spirit (Comforting the disciples)

*** Just imagine...

***Jesus says you and I are better off today...
than if we had been disciplined by Him
personally for three years...***

Now... knowing this...

***How much do you truly value and
invest in the Spirit-empowered
privilege and responsibility
of disciple-making?***



Initiate & Illuminate: **mMm** (vv.8-11)

See the Spirit's: ***INITIATING***

***8**And when He comes, He will convict the world **concerning sin and righteousness and judgment**: **9**concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10**concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; **11**concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

See the unique role of the Holy Spirit in Salvation...

1. The Spirit convicts us of SIN

Response options:

- A. Repent, Believe, Praise, & Obey... to Live
- B. Refuse, Balk, Pretend, & Obsess... to Die

2. The Spirit convicts us of RIGHTEOUSNESS

Response options:

- A. See your need for Christ's righteousness
- B. See yourself as "good enough" for heaven

3. The Spirit convicts us of JUDGMENT

Response options:

- A. ***Believe & Receive...*** in Christ alone, by grace alone, thru faith alone, to the glory of God alone.
- B. ***Disbelieve & die...*** a thousand torturous deaths every day throughout eternity.

VIDEO: "Start A Fire In Me"

T. Tell Timeless Truths: (vv.12-15)

*¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, **He will guide you into all the truth**, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴**He will glorify Me**, for **He will take what is mine and declare it to you**. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that **He will take what is mine and declare it to you**.*

See the Spirit's: ***TRUTHING***

(cf. Ephesians 4:15... “truthing in love”)

- A. Spirit ***shares information*** (v.12)
- B. Spirit ***declares revelation*** (v.13a)
- C. Spirit ***declares to deploy!*** (v.13b-15)

