



Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

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John 14:23-31

23? Jesus answered, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. **24?** The one who doesn’t love me will not keep my words. The word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

25? “I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. **26?** But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.

27? “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don’t let your heart be troubled or fearful. **28?** You have heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. **29?** I have told you now before it happens so that when it does happen you may believe. **30?** I will not talk with you much longer, because the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me. **31?** On the contrary, so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do as the Father commanded me.

Sermon Summary:

John’s gospel teaches us more about the Spirit than the other gospels. It reveals the work of the Spirit as well as the relationship of the Trinity – the Father, Son and Spirit. It gives a rich description of what the Spirit does: advocating, teaching, reminding, guiding, and indwelling us. Furthermore, this gospel shows us the mutual indwelling between the Father, the Son and the Spirit as well as their indwelling us. Christ also is the one giving us peace in the midst of conflict through the Holy Spirit. Finally, through the indwelling of the Trinity in us, we have the ability and incentive to love him and keep his words.

Discussion:

1. Read John 14:16-26. What are all the things the Spirit does in these verses?
2. What is the main work of the Spirit in 14:26?
3. How does this work influence your understanding of what the Spirit does in your life?
4. Read John 16:13. What is the truth that we are guided into?
5. Discuss to the best of your ability what it means the Father will send the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus. (use these verses to help 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-14).
6. What is your understanding of the peace that Jesus gives us?
7. How can we have peace in conflict situations?
8. Why is it important for us to love Jesus and keep his word?

End with Prayer