



Lesson 6

Chapter 13–14

Text: *John 14:1–31*

1. The Holy Spirit is Our Comforter

- What he does: _____

Role: The Holy Spirit “makes the heart of Christ real to us”

John 16:7–15

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I

go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 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 shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

- Our comforter is personal

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

- Our comforter is powerful

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 shew you things to come.

Psalms 34:8

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

2. God is Merciful

2 Corinthians 1:3

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

“The key is to understand the at the level of legal acquittal, the Father’s wrath had to be assuaged in order for sinners to be brought back into his favor, but at the level of his own internal desire and affection, he was eager as the Son for this atonement to take place. Objectively, the Father was the one needing to be placated; subjectively, his heart was one with the Son.” (pg. 128, Gentle & Lowly)

John 16:27

For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. 28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

Questions:

1. What aspect of the Spirit is this drawing out? Have you learned anything new about the Holy Spirit?
2. What are the implications of the fact that the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force, but a person?
3. What does 1 Cor. 2:12 teach us about the role of the Spirit? When you think of the Father, do you tend to think of him as somehow less loving than the Son? Is this an accurate way of thinking? Why or why not?