

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: The Christian's Advantage

John 16:7 (ESV)

⁷ 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.

The Spirit _____ me is better than Jesus _____ me!

John 14:16-26 (ESV)

¹⁶ "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"

²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you".

6 advantages to us*:

He is the _____, _____ presence of God in us. (v. 16,17,23)

He affirms us and loves us as _____. (v. 18a, 21, 23, Rom. 8:16)

He reveals the _____ of the crucifixion and resurrection. (v. 18-20)

The Holy Spirit assures our "knowing"... (1 Cor. 2:10, 12, Eph. 3:3-5)

He makes God _____ to us. (v. 21b-22)

Judas' question:

Jesus' answer?

He empowers our _____ and _____. (v. 21, 23, 24, Phil. 2:13)

He makes _____ all things re: Christ. (v. 26, 15:26, 1Cor. 2:13, 1Jn 2:20,27)

John 16:8-15 (ESV)

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. ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When 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. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

3 advantages to our ministry/service:

1) He _____ our **evangelism**.

(v. 8-11)

"God does what man cannot do. God works by his Spirit through his Word in the hearts of sinful men to bring them to repentance and faith ... You and I cannot make sinners repent and believe in Christ by our words alone, but God works faith and repentance in men's hearts by his Holy Spirit."

- J.I. Packer, *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*

2) He _____ our **disciple-making**.

(v. 13,15)

Discipleship is intentionally equipping believers with the Word of God through accountable relationships that are empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to replicate faithful followers of Christ.

- Calvary Discipleship Pathway

3) He _____ our **worship**.

(v. 14)

"Worship involves a rhythm of revelation and response. The Word of God and the worship of God cannot be separated from one another."

- David Platt

John 4:24 (ESV)

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."