

# A Little While and You Shall See Me (John 13-17)

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of knowing and developing a relationship with the Holy Spirit, who guides us into all truth and reveals the glory of Jesus.*

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## Description

Phil Beach Jr. emphasizes the significance of the Holy Spirit as the Comforter in the lives of believers, encouraging them not to let their hearts be troubled despite life's challenges. He reflects on Jesus' words in John 14-16, explaining that true strength comes from recognizing our weakness and relying on the Holy Spirit, who reveals Christ to us. Beach highlights the importance of keeping Jesus' commandments as a pathway to experiencing His love and presence. He urges believers to cultivate a relationship with the Holy Spirit, who guides us into all truth and manifests the glory of God in our lives. Ultimately, he calls for a deeper understanding and connection with the Holy Spirit to fully experience the life of Christ within us.

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## Transcript

I tell you, I'd like to just read John 14, 15, and 16. Huh? Thank God for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. Amen.

Beloved, you can find everything in Him. I'm excited about that. Now let's go to John chapter 14, beginning in verse 1. And everyone wants to know why Jesus starts out by saying, let not your heart be troubled.

Well, the reason why is because, first of all, He just got done telling Peter He was going to deny Him three times. I mean, if Jesus come down and told you, you're about to deny Me. Do you think your heart would be a little troubled? I think so.

But you see, Jesus, in His foresight, saw that Peter was going to deny Him, but yet Jesus said, don't let your heart be troubled. The end of the world isn't there. You're going to deny Me and fall flat on your nose, but then you're going to realize how your flesh is worthless, and you're going to begin to draw your strength from Me.

And then I'll pull out My Holy Ghost upon you, and you'll stand and rise in Me, and you'll stop standing and rising in Peter. You see, Peter had a tendency to rise in Peter. See, Peter didn't understand that Peter was useless to God.

As a man filled with self-confidence. But once Peter became a crushed stone, or a crushed pebble. See, Jesus called Peter, Thou art Peter.

And He said, You are a stone. And upon this rock, the word there meant something larger than a stone. We're all Peters.

We're all little stones. And the only time we can become a rock in God, is if we let Christ crush us. Crush our outer man.

That's why Paul said, My outer man is being destroyed daily. But His inner man was being renewed. That rock within Him was growing.

God allows us to be hurt. He allows us to be crushed. Not to destroy us.

Not to devastate us. But to bring us to weakness, so that in weakness we can draw strength from Him. So, if you are being crushed right now, I want you to read John 14, chapter 1. Don't let your heart be troubled, beloved.

Because God is in control. Now let's try and read this without getting too involved in explaining, which is difficult. Let not your heart be troubled.

Behold, ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go, ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest, and how can we know the way? Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No man cometh unto the Father but by Me. Now you see what Jesus is doing here? He's showing us, where was He going? He was going to where? The Father. He was going to the Father, and He was telling His disciples, if you want to go to the Father, the way you get to the Father is through Him.

Verse 8, Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us the Father, that it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto Him, Have I been with you so long, and yet hast Thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father. And how sayest Thou then, Show us the Father? Believest Thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself, but the Father that dwelleth in Me.

He doeth the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, keep My commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him. But ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless.

I will come to you. So in verse number 18, Jesus is speaking about a coming. And in verse number 3 of chapter 14, He's speaking about a coming.

These are two different comings. In verse 14, chapter 3, He's speaking of a second coming. His little physical appearing that will occur when He comes again to take His beloved bride to be with Himself.

But now He makes the transition after promising His disciples that He would come again. He makes the transition, and He begins to show them that while He tarries, or while He is in heaven, yet they can still see Him. Though He's not there physically, they can still see Him.

Verse number 18. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Now Jesus was referring to the coming of the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit reveals to the believer Christ, and His glory, and His majesty, and His honor, and His place of authority. This is why it's so necessary that as believers we learn to develop a relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the life giver.

He is the sanctifier. He is the one who reveals to us the things of Christ, as we will see. You can know the Holy Spirit.

It is the most precious gift that has ever been given to the church, the Holy Spirit. Just think, beloved. God, open our hearts now.

Think about it, beloved. You are not the only one that dwells in your body. Now, I was just talking to a brother a few days ago.

That's what I said. You know what you're thinking about now, don't you? You know your feelings. You know your thoughts.

But are you as aware about the Holy Spirit as you are yourself? You can be. You can know the thoughts of God now as the Holy Spirit reveals it. You can know the burden of God.

Friend, the call of God is this. Become conscious of the Holy Spirit and learn His ways. We are so preoccupied with self, we forget that our self should be preoccupied with Christ.

Rather than us fixing our eyes on our self, we should be fixing our eyes on the Holy Spirit who, in turn, would reveal to us the thoughts and love and glory and beauty of God. Beloved, you are a temple and you do not dwell in it exclusively. You are sharing a temple.

And God, eternal God, through the person of the Holy Spirit lives in you. He lives in you. I mean eternal God who put the stars in the sky.

He lives in you. Do you think it would be profitable to us to get to know this great Holy Spirit that lives in us? Would you like to know the Holy Spirit that lives in you? I mean, hey, what fellowship divine to walk with God. Wow! Verse 19.

Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more. But ye see me because I live. Ye shall live also.

At that day. Now see, at that day. Jesus is referring to what day? That day when the believers would receive the Holy Spirit.

See, the Holy Spirit was with them but he wasn't in them in his fullness. Now at that day when we finally come to a realization of the fullness of God in us, working through us, these things begin to occur in our life. This is no longer a story that Jesus told his disciples but it becomes an actual experience that you walk through.

Listen to this. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father and ye in me and I in you. What happens when we become enlightened by the Holy Spirit? We recognize and become aware of this glorious mystery that we are indeed in God and God is in us.

And that we are hid in him. And that the very eternal God is joined to our spirit and that we are one with him. Wow.

That is when we begin to draw our strength from him, beloved. And start to drink from him. Verse 21.

He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father. Listen to this. And I will love him and will what? Manifest myself to him.

Now beloved, listen closely. Do you want God to manifest himself to you? Seek to be filled with his spirit. Seek to be filled with his love.

Here's what happens. A chain reaction occurs. As I am filled with the spirit, the love of God is shed abroad in my heart.

By the love of God I have the power to keep his commandments. As I have the power to keep his commandments, Jesus promises to reveal himself to me. What a blessed promise.

I'm not looking for silver and gold. I'm looking for treasures in the heart of God. Judas saith unto him, not Ascariot, Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us and not to the world? Jesus answered and said to him, If a man love me, he will keep my words.

Now again, Jesus emphasized keeping his commandments. Listen. There's many Christians who do not keep his commandments.

Therefore, there's many Christians who have not had a manifestation and a revelation of the glory of Jesus. Now they are Christians. They are born again.

The spirit of God does dwell in them. But the fullness of God has not been released in them. And consequently, most Christians are living by their own strength and by their own power.

And therefore, it seems like God is veiled from them. Now listen to how Jesus answers the question. If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him.

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings. And the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave to you, and my peace I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away and come again unto you? If ye love me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father. For my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it comes to pass, that when it comes to pass ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you, for the Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me.

But he, but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave me commandment, even so do I. Arise, let us go henceforth. Now go to chapter 16, we can't read the whole thing tonight, we're going to run out of time. Chapter 16, verse number 5, Jesus again is speaking about the Holy Spirit.

But now I go my way to him that sent me, and none of you ask me whither thou goest, but because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. 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 to you. But if I depart, I will send him to you.

Now listen, when he, that's the Comforter, has come, he will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. Now let me ask a question. Who is the Comforter coming to? The world? No.

Jesus said the world cannot receive him, but he's coming to those who love him. So how is the Comforter going to reprove the world of sin? Through the believer. The Comforter reproves the world of sin through the believer, as the believer lives an upright life before the world, one that is filled with the fruits of righteousness.

That's how God reveals his righteousness to the world. Verse 9, Of sin, because they believe not on me. Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more.

Of judgment, because the Prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say to you, but ye cannot bear them now, how be it when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come. Now listen.

I hope and pray that you are seeking the Comforter. You are seeking more and more a relationship with the Comforter. Because look what he's going to do.

You say, well, how do I get the Comforter? Your heart must be pure before God. You've got to be purified by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ and right with God. Surrendered before him.

How be it, verse 13, when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. Now let's qualify this right now. Jesus said, John 14, 6, what did he say? I am the way, the truth, and the life.

So when the Bible says the Comforter will guide you into all truth, what's it really saying? Who is truth? Jesus. The Comforter will lead you to the fullness of who he is. Don't look for truth outside of Jesus Christ because it's chaff, not truth.

You know what chaff is going to do? Burn. You know what truth is going to do? It's going to endure forever. Truth is embodied in the person of Jesus Christ.

Don't chase doctrines. Chase the person. Don't look for new formulas.

Look for a revelation of him. As you see him, you'll know truth. Don't try and find truth outside of a relationship with Christ.

You'll get shipwrecked in your faith. Many Christians are presently, right now, chasing after things, and they know nothing of the Savior. And they're in for a fall.

He will guide you into all truth, for he shall not speak of himself. That's another thing. When you're under the influence of the Holy Ghost, you don't bring attention to yourself, you don't bring attention to the works of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit never brings attention to himself.

The Holy Spirit doesn't bring attention to what he does, the works, but the Holy Spirit brings attention to the Son of God. But whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will show you things to come. Listen to this.

He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it to you. All things that the Father hath are mine. Therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it to you.

A little while, and ye shall not see me. And again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to my Father. Beloved, I want to encourage you, study through John 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

13 through 17 in the book of John. Begin to ask God, first of all, to cleanse your heart by the blood. Make things right before God.

When you know you stand before Him clean by faith in His blood, and you know that He has loosed you from all sin and from all wrong attitudes, then you become a vessel ready and prepared. Listen to have the Comforter come and reveal Himself to you. And as the Comforter reveals Himself to you, then your heart begins to see Jesus.

And that's the call tonight. Let's get acquainted with Him. Anyone else have anything to say before we close? John 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

Amen. Well, praise the Lord. God bless everyone.

And remember, Sunday morning, New Year's Eve, we have a service. Sunday evening, we have no service. We encourage you to find family, friends, or another church, and enjoy yourself.

Yes, Miss Danielle. Yes.

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