

Anticipating the Fullness of God (John 14:15-31)

- I. Anticipating the Holy Spirit's Coming (15-17)
 - A. The Manifestation of Loving Jesus (15)
 1. Those who love Jesus will keep his commandments
 2. Loving Jesus is not equal to keeping commandments
 3. Loving Jesus produces the keeping of commandments
 4. Those who do not keep his commandments do not truly love him.
 - B. The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit (16-17)
 1. The Holy Spirit will Come (16-17a)
 - a. The Father will send another Comforter (helper)(16)
 - i. Notice Jesus will ask the Father to send him to those who love Jesus
 - ii. Jesus is interceding for us before the Father
 - iii. This comforter will abide with believers forever
 - He will never leave you or be separated from you
 - Even when we cross into heaven the Holy Spirit will live inside us
 - b. The Father will Send Him to Illuminate (17a)
 - i. He is the Spirit of Truth
 - ii. He will reveal the truth about Christ
 - iii. He will point the way to Christ
 - It wasn't until Pentecost that the believers were empowered to preach Christ
 - It wasn't until Pentecost that the believers began preaching Christ from Old Testament Scriptures
 - The Holy Spirit "put the puzzle pieces together" so to speak.
 2. The Holy Spirit is Known Only To Those who Love Jesus (17b)
 - a. The World Cannot Recognize Him
 - i. Those who belong to the world cannot receive the Spirit the disciples will receive
 - ii. The world does not see him and the world does not know him
 - iii. It is by the Spirit Himself that men are drawn to Christ
 - b. Those who love Jesus Recognize Him
 - i. Believers know Him
 - ii. He has always abided with believers
 - iii. He will soon indwell the believers
 - The Holy Spirit will come and make men His Temple

- Those who love Christ will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

II. Anticipating Jesus' Coming (18-21) *"not the 2nd coming"*

A. Jesus Will Come Bringing Life (18-19)

1. Jesus promises he will come to them (18)
 - a. Jesus is saying that He will come to them through the Holy Spirit
 - b. He is not saying he is the Holy Spirit – He is in unity with the Spirit who is coming
 - c. The Spirit will point men to Jesus and will turn men to the words of Jesus
 - d. The Spirit will empower men to follow Jesus
2. Only believers will see Jesus (19)
 - a. The world will no longer see Jesus after the resurrection
 - b. He will ascend into heaven
 - c. He will continue to live in the hearts of those who love him
3. Only believers will live through Jesus
 - a. Jesus is alive therefore he raises his children to life
 - b. We are raised to spiritual life when we are saved
 - c. We will be raised to life physically in the last day

B. Jesus Will Unite Believers in God's Love (20-21)

1. Jesus Lovers Will Be United to God (20)
 - a. When the Spirit comes believers will know that Jesus and the Father are united
 - b. Believers will also know that they are in Christ and Christ is in us
 - i. "In Christ" is consistently used in the New Testament for those united to Christ in his death and resurrection
 - ii. "In Christ" is the way the Father sees the believer
 - iii. We are perfect in Him – We are brought into the everlasting love relationship which is shared in the Trinity
2. Jesus Lovers Will Be Loved by God (21a)
 - a. Those who love Jesus keep his commandments
 - b. Those who love Jesus are loved by God the Father
 - c. Those who love Jesus are loved by Jesus
3. Jesus Lovers will Experience the Risen Jesus (21b)
 - a. Jesus says he will disclose (manifest) himself to those who love him
 - b. This doesn't mean all believers have an experience like Paul on the Damascus Road –
 - c. Jesus will reveal himself in the lives of his children
 - i. They will experience his peace
 - ii. They will experience his discipline

- iii. They will experience his presence
- III. Resting in the Anticipated Presence of God (22-31)
 - A. The Fullness of God is Coming to Instruct and Abide (22-26)
 - 1. Judas Questions Jesus' Departure (22)
 - 2. God Will Dwell in Those Who Love Jesus (23)
 - a. Jesus again defines those who love him – they keep His Word
 - b. Those who love Christ are loved by the Father
 - c. Both Father and Son will come and make their home in those who love Jesus
 - 3. Those Who Don't Love Jesus Reject the Father (24)
 - a. Jesus defines those who do not love Him – they do not keep his word
 - b. The word they are denying is not Jesus' Word alone, it is the very word of the Father
 - 4. The Spirit Will Come And Teach Those who Love Jesus (25-26)
 - a. The Spirit will be sent to teach all things
 - i. – The Spirit inspired these men to write Scripture
 - ii. – The Spirit indwelt these men to preach the gospel
 - iii. – The Spirit indwells believers to lead and guide them – always in accordance with Scripture
 - b. The Spirit will bring Jesus' Words to Remembrance
 - i. The Spirit always points to Jesus (John 16:14)
 - ii. The Spirit teaches all things
 - iii. The Spirit illuminates the Scriptures and speaks through them – the natural man cannot hear him in Scripture
 - B. Resting in the Peace of God (27-31)
 - 1. Jesus is Leaving HIS Peace (27a)
 - a. This is the peace and love he shared with his Father before creation
 - b. The Love relationship between Father and Son is now extended to believers
 - c. His peace is not like the world's peace – it is a true peace with God – not just happiness
 - 2. Trust in Jesus' Gospel and God's plan (27b-29)
 - a. Do Not Be Troubled (27b)
 - i. Again Jesus says, Let your heart not be troubled
 - ii. He also commands that we not be fearful
 - iii. Instead of fear and worry – we trust
 - b. Rejoice Instead of Worry (28)
 - i. Those who love Jesus rejoice because he is going to the Father

- They don't understand yet, but this is the only way man can be saved
 - This is the only way the Kingdom can come
 - ii. They should not worry about God's plan
 - They fear Jesus leaving but it is part of God's plan
 - Jesus is going to the Father – this is the only way Jesus can leave peace between God and man
 - The Father is greater than Jesus
 1. Jesus says this showing that his life on earth isn't as valuable as fulfilling the Father's plan
 2. Jesus submitted to the Father
3. Believe in Christ (29)
- a. Jesus told them all this before it happened
 - b. He did this so that when all the turmoil happens, they will believe in Him
 - i. Hell is about to break loose and they will be scared to death
 - ii. Jesus is going to die and they will be left without Him
 - iii. He is preparing them so they know that everything that happens is part of God's plan
 - iv. This is something we should also keep in mind – all things in our lives are working for God's glory and our sanctification
- C. Jesus Obeys the Will of the Father (30-31)
1. Jesus tells them the ruler of this world is coming
 - a. He is always prowling
 - b. He is always coming
 - c. Greater is He who is in us
 2. Jesus says the ruler of this world has nothing in Him
 - a. Jesus does not owe him
 - b. Jesus does not fear him
 - c. Jesus does not worry about his authority
 3. Jesus will obey the Father
 - a. He obeys so that the world will know he loves the Father
 - b. He obeys so that the plan will be fulfilled
 - c. He Gives Himself