

Study Guide for October 17th, 2010. The Promised Holy Spirit. John 14:15-31.

Introduction: Describe a time you sensed your inadequacy, but then experienced the power that comes from the Holy Spirit who indwells you.

I. The Spirit will be with the disciples forever. (John 14:15-17)

- A. Recall the promise Jesus made (vs. 12-14), how will the disciples accomplish that?
- B. What link do you see between **loving Jesus, obeying his commands, and praying in Jesus' name** (vs. 13, 14)?
- C. Who is **the Counselor**? Why does Jesus call him **another Counselor**? (I John 2:1)
- D. Compare and contrast the ministry of the Spirit with the ministry of Jesus.

II. The Spirit will make the triune God present to the disciples. (John 14:18-24)

- A. Jesus would not leave his disciples as _____, but come to them? How? When?
- B. What would become evident to the disciples when the Spirit comes to them?
- C. Contrast action by duty vs. love. What has helped you move from duty to love?
- D. How does Jesus define love among his disciples? What is promised in response?
- E. Describe what you think it means when Jesus states, "We will come to him and make our home with him." (vs. 23) (See also I John 4:12-16)

III. The Spirit enables the disciples to grasp truth and experience peace. (John 14:25-31)

- A. Did the disciples understand what Jesus was saying? How would they ever grasp it?
- B. In light of Jesus' departure ... how are the disciples feeling? ... what does Jesus give?
- C. Write out the words of vs. 27. Commit them to memory. What circumstances are you presently facing where you need to believe this promise and rest in it?
- D. How would these words (vs. 28-29) bolster the disciple's faith? (Recall John 13:19)
- E. Why does Jesus need to end his teaching? Why does Satan have no hold on Jesus?
- F. How will the world learn that the Son loves the Father and obeys all His commands?

