

Present Help

John 14:27-29

Sermon Outline

A. **A Troubled Heart (vs. 27):**

1. Peace – Because Christ is going to pay the price for our sins we are now at peace with God (Ephesians 2:15). As a result of this Christ can bestow all of God's promises upon us.
 - a) The comfort He left behind was founded on His promises: He will return (14:3); He prepares a place for us (14:2); He answers prayer (14:13–14); He sends the Comforter (14:16); our obedience manifests the Father's love (14:21); the Spirit will instruct (14:26), and Jesus leaves peace with the believers (14:27).¹
2. Peace – Christ's death and resurrection that created peace for us also provided to us the Holy Spirit, Who is our Comforter (Helper; John 14:26; 15:16; 16:7).
 - a) Fear of death (Heb. 2:14–15) and fear of the future are removed as Jesus' followers trust in Him. Thus, they need not be troubled (cf. John 11:33; 13:21; 14:1).²
 - b) John 16:33 *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* Notice the contrast: between *"in me"* and *"in this world"* (1:10) and between *"peace"* and *"trouble"*. *I have overcome*. Just before his death, Jesus affirms his final victory.
3. Peace – Because the Holy Spirit's nature is to provide peace in our hearts when we chose to walk in the Word (John 14:4-5; Gal. 5:21-25) a believer eventually is not overwhelmed by distress (Phil. 4:4-9).
 - a) This is the first of several passages that teach about the nature and role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church and the individual believer (15:26; 16:7–15).³
 - b) The Spirit of God teaches us the Word and guides us (not drags us!) into the truth. He also reminds us of what He has taught us so that we can depend on God's Word in the difficult times of life. The Spirit uses the Word to give us His peace (John 14:27), His love (John 15:9–10), and His joy (John 15:11). If that does not calm a troubled heart, nothing will!⁴
4. Leave – The Holy Spirit will remain with them forever (John 14:16-17). This means that since Christ's death provides God's peace, He is no longer legally obligated to keep Satan from destroying the disciples while He walked on earth. This is now something that the Holy Spirit is

¹ Hughes, R. B., & Laney, J. C. (2001). *Tyndale concise Bible commentary* (p. 479). Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

² Blum, E. A. (1985). *John*. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, pp. 324–325). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

³ White, J. E. (1998). *John*. In D. S. Dockery (Ed.), *Holman concise Bible commentary* (p. 483). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

⁴ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Vol. 1, p. 354). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

obligated to provide because of the covenant established by Christ's blood to all those who believe.

5. Give - Christ gift of the Holy Spirit is permanent and continually inside of us forever [John 14:16; Ephesians 3:16 (inside of us); Titus 3:4-8]. Our bodies have become His temple (dwelling place; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19).
6. Not as the world – The world is defined as unsaved people, influenced by Satan, and rebellious against God. These individuals or Satan himself, cannot provide the Holy Spirit to anyone. As a result, the world can provide fun moments, and pleasure but no peace.
7. Gives – Christ provides permanent and continuous peace; the world provides continuous, yet empty happiness.
8. Do not let your heart – Because we are living in a rebellious world ran by Satan (1 John 5:19), there can be much pain and difficulty (1 Peter 4:12). This pain can forcefully, negatively affect the deepest emotions and mental capacities we possess, which can distract us from loving the Lord with all our hearts (John 14:1; Matthew 24:9-14).
9. Troubled – Christ commands us to continuously fight off anxiety, confusion, and inward turmoil so that we do not become distressed and despondent. The disciples experienced much and died brutal deaths (2 Cor. 4:7-12).
10. Do not let it be fearful – We must allow the Holy Spirit, who is our peace, to continually help us overcome feelings of anxiety and panic (1 Thess. 4:13), so that we do not become fainthearted or be so overwhelmed by fear that we lack courage (Joshua 1:5-9).

B. He Preserves Our Faith (vs. 28-29):

1. You heard that I said – The disciples paid attention and understood what Christ was verbally communicating to them so that their hearts were moved to believe Him.
2. I go away - Christ is continually going to be out of their sight (Acts 1:8).
3. I will come to you – Christ is not leaving forever. He will return (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
4. If you love Me – If the disciples continually allow the Holy Spirit (the source of God's love; Gal. 5:22) to guide their lives, then they are empowered to sacrificially obey Christ, they will demonstrate compassion for Christ and sincere love.
5. You would rejoice – Their love for Christ would cause them to so trust Him that they end up living a carefree life that saturates them with joy.
6. I go to the Father - Christ is going to go a considerable distance away from them but it is to the One who began this new birth in Christ. He is going to the One who is the beginning of all things and so loves mankind (John 3:16).
7. I have told you before it happened – Christ has shared all His inner thoughts with the disciples even before things were brought into existence.
8. So that when it happens you may believe – When what Christ is saying comes true, the disciples will develop a deep unreserved commitment to trust in Christ despite all the difficulties they may encounter.