

John 14:15-21 The Promise of the Spirit

What is it like to be an orphan?

Disturbing news of separation: John 13:33, 36; 14:2

We have the privilege of being adopted by the King of the Universe: Eph 1:3-6;
Rom 8:15-17

I. Love One Another (v. 15)

John 13:34; 14:24; 15:17. How?

II. By Being Filled with the Spirit (v. 16)

Gal 5:22; Rom 5:5; 1 Cor 13.

Who is the Spirit?

Descriptions of the Spirit in this passage:

- a. V. 16 Counselor
- b. V. 17 Spirit of Truth (15:26: 16:13)
- c. V. 17 World cannot know him (1 Cor 2:6-13)
- d. V. 26 teach all things and remind us of Jesus

The Spirit makes the resurrection message real in each believer's life: Rom 6:5-8; 8:1-4

The Spirit gave gifts for the task: Acts 1:8

How can we know we are filled with the Spirit?

III. In order to have the Mind of Christ (vv. 20-21)

1 Cor 2:14-16; 2 Cor 3:18

The world is not able to see Christ: 1 John 4:1-3

The job of the Holy Spirit is to point us to Christ and help us be transformed into His likeness.

What does it mean to be "filled with the Spirit"? Acts 2:

- 1) They had been with Jesus
- 2) They were praying
- 3) They had given their all to follow Jesus
- 4) They were obedient to Jesus' command

Being filled with the Spirit is

- A matter of control
- A matter of saying yes to the still small voice
- Filling ourselves the teachings of Jesus.
- The Spirit will take these things and remind us of them and help us apply them in our lives.

We need to do our part.

- 1) Crucify the old man or woman (2 Cor 7:1; also Rom 6:6; Eph 4:22-24)
- 2) Let God bring resurrection life (1 Thes 5:23-24)