#  The Role of the Holy Spirit Series – John 14

**Jesus Promises Another Helper - John 14:15-18; 26-28; 29-31**

**Background:** In the previous chapter, Jesus has just told his disciples during his last supper, that he will be leaving them. In this chapter he comforts them by explaining that he will return again. He has given them a new commandment that they should love God and love others. He also has outlined the work that they will be empowered to do outlined in verse 12:

**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**

* What work was Christ sent to do? See Isaiah 61 and Luke 4:16-21.

“The Spirit of the Lord God *is* upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; **2**To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,

* Again, what is the work Christ is expecting from us as his disciples? See Matthew 25.

**33**And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. **34**Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **35**for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; **36**I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

**37**“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You,* or thirsty and give *You* drink? **38**When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You?* **39**Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ **40**And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

* Let’s look at another example from Matthew 11 where John sends his disciples to Jesus to ask if he was the Messiah or should they look for another? In verse 4, Jesus answers by describing the works he had performed and was performing. I asked the question recently, why did he answer John in this manner? The answer is, Jesus is showing the fulfillment of prophesy.

ChatGPT:

The works of Jesus in **Matthew 11:4-5** directly fulfill several **Messianic prophecies from Isaiah**, which describe the miracles and mission of the coming Messiah. Here are the key prophecies:

### **1. Isaiah 35:5-6 – Healing Miracles**

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute shall sing for joy."
✅ Fulfilled: Jesus healed **the blind, deaf, mute, and lame** (Matthew 11:5, Mark 7:31-37).

### **2. Isaiah 61:1 – Preaching to the Poor**

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound."
✅ Fulfilled: Jesus quoted this passage in **Luke 4:16-21**, declaring He was fulfilling it.

### **3. Isaiah 26:19 – Raising the Dead**

"Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!"
✅ Fulfilled: Jesus **raised the dead**, including **Lazarus** (John 11:43-44), **Jairus’ daughter** (Mark 5:35-42), and **the widow’s son** (Luke 7:11-15).

### **4. Isaiah 53:4-5 – Healing Through His Suffering**

"Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... By His wounds we are healed."
✅ Fulfilled: Jesus’ **healing ministry** (Matthew 8:16-17) and ultimately His **atoning death**.

### **5. Isaiah 42:6-7 – Light to the Gentiles & Deliverance**

"I will give You as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon."
✅ Fulfilled: Jesus **healed spiritual and physical blindness** (John 9:1-7) and **set captives free from sin** (John 8:36).

### **Conclusion: Jesus’ Works Confirmed His Identity**

The Helper (Holy Spirit) helps us to do this work. How do we know this for sure? Because Jesus said it.

John 20: 21 **21**So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” **22**And when He had said this, He breathed on *them,* and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

**15“If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.**

He continues to instruct them to keep his commandments (John 13:34-35) and that through his prayers, the Father would be sending them another helper.

Observations:

* Obedience to Jesus’ commandments is evidence of our love for him. I may keep commandments out of fear, but it is a different level when I practice obedience out of my love for a person.
* I used to obey my parents out of fear; but over time, the fear was gone and I obeyed out of my love and respect for them. It was easier to obey as I loved them more.
* Another Helper is promised to arrive on the scene with specific roles and responsibilities:
	+ The Helper is to stay with us and abide inside of us forever.
	+ He is the Spirit of Truth, so he reveals the truth from Heaven to us inside.
	+ The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit because until you receive Jesus you cannot receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit. There is a divine and spiritual order.
	+ The disciples will receive the Holy Spirit because they have known, seen, and believed in Jesus so he prays that they will receive the next step in this process which is receiving the Holy Spirit.
* Jesus promises he will not leave them orphans but that he will return for them.

Application:

* What Jesus tells the disciples also applies to us today. Just as he is coming back for those disciples, he will come back to his disciples today. We are awaiting his return.
* We become his disciples when we believe in his death, burial and resurrection. This is the process in effect.
* Just as with the first disciples, Jesus gives us the promise that we also will receive the Comforter who will dwell inside of us.
* The Spirit of truth confirms to us the promises of Christ and guides us along life’s paths and decisions.
* It is the Spirit that provides the power for us to obey his commandments and do the greater works. He is our Helper. This is what He helps us to do:
	+ Believe in the promises of Jesus Christ.
	+ Helps us while we wait and stand on the promises.
	+ Helps us to obey and bring God glory.
	+ Prepares and helps us to do the Kingdom work and following in the work of Christ.

**25“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming *back* to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.**

Observations:

* Jesus confirms that the Helper is the Holy Spirit. He comes from the Father.
* The Holy Spirit comes in Jesus’ name, meaning He is His representative. He is God with us while we wait.
* Additional roles of the Holy Spirit include:
	+ Teaching us all things that we need.
	+ Reminding us of things in the Bible that Jesus said. This must occur when we need this as a reference.
	+ He must also be the Spirit of Peace. If Jesus is going away to be with the Father, and he says he is leaving us His peace, then this peace may be in the form of what the Spirit will do for us.
		- Matthew 3:16
		- Romans 14:17 - “for the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”
		- Romans 8:6 – “Now the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the Spirit is life and peace.”
		- Romans 15:13 – “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
* He reminds his disciples again as he did at the start of this chapter to not be troubled and to not fear. Do not fear, Jesus promises that he will return. He also comforts them by telling them where he will be. He will be with the Father!
* Because He is going to be with the Father, if we love Jesus, we should be happy he is leaving rather than troubled and afraid.
	+ Because the Father is greater in position and our High Priest will be before Him.
	+ Because it is a fulfillment of the prophecy and the process.
	+ Because we love Jesus and rejoice in his restoration and his glory with the Father. He is our friend and we rejoice in his exaltation and reward.
	+ Because as we follow him, we shall be exalted too; the process continues to move toward the promised return of Christ in victory.

Application: Again, what Jesus is saying to his disciples applies to us today.

* When we follow the process and receive Jesus Christ, we will automatically receive the Holy Spirit of promise.
* The Holy Spirit will teach us things as we follow Him. This is a continuous process.
* The Holy Spirit will use the word of God to guide and remind us. Remind us of what?
	+ Reminds us of things that Jesus tells us in the word.
	+ Reveals the truth and application of the word in our lives.
	+ Reminds us of His promises so that we can rest on the promises and the process; process brings peace.
* Why do we have to be reminded? Because we can forget. In our situation and despair, we may need to be reminded to focus on the process and promises rather than the situation or condition.

What is the difference between how the world gives peace and how Jesus gives peace?

ChatGPT AI answer:

The concept of peace as understood through Jesus and the world can differ in several fundamental ways:

1. **Source of Peace**:
	* Jesus: According to Christian teachings, Jesus offers peace as a gift from God. It's an inner peace that comes from a relationship with God, characterized by spiritual fulfillment, forgiveness, and reconciliation.
	* World: The world may offer peace through various means such as diplomacy, conflict resolution, social justice, or personal well-being. This peace is often temporary and can be influenced by external circumstances.
2. **Nature of Peace**:
	* Jesus: Peace in Jesus' teachings goes beyond the absence of conflict; it encompasses wholeness, harmony, and reconciliation with God and others. It's a deep, spiritual peace that transcends worldly circumstances.
	* World: Peace in the secular sense often refers to the absence of war, violence, or unrest. It may focus more on external factors like political stability, economic prosperity, or social harmony.
3. **Means of Attaining Peace**:
	* Jesus: Attaining peace through Jesus involves repentance, faith, and surrender to God's will. It's about experiencing transformation and inner healing through a relationship with Christ.
	* World: Attaining peace in the world often involves human efforts such as negotiation, diplomacy, conflict resolution, and social reforms. It may rely on political agreements, economic development, or social policies.
4. **Permanence of Peace**:
	* Jesus: The peace offered by Jesus is seen as everlasting and transcendent. It's not dependent on external circumstances but on one's relationship with God, which provides a sense of security and hope regardless of life's challenges.
	* World: Peace achieved through worldly means can be fragile and temporary. It may be disrupted by conflicts, injustices, or changes in political or social conditions.
5. **Scope of Peace**:
	* Jesus: Peace in Christian theology extends beyond personal well-being to include reconciliation with God, others, and creation. It's about restoring broken relationships and bringing about God's kingdom of justice and love.
	* World: Peace in the worldly sense often focuses on specific issues or conflicts, such as ending wars, promoting human rights, or addressing social inequalities.

While there may be overlap between the peace offered by Jesus and the peace pursued in the world, the underlying motivations, sources, and understandings of peace can vary significantly.

Finally, for our application, process brings peace. We should rejoice in the fact that Jesus is with the Father. This is to our advantage and helps us to not be troubled or afraid as we see the progression of this process through end time prophecy.

* Because Jesus is with the Father, we are so much closer to the Kingdom.
* We have the Holy Spirit and through Him, we have greater work in our future. The work of the Kingdom is expanded because Jesus is with the Father.
* Rejoice, because we know how this ends and the next steps.

**29“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. 30I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. 31But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.**

It is time for us to arise and go to work.

Bonus:

Let’s go back to John 14:6 where Jesus declares he is the **Way, the Truth, and the Life**. In verse 5, Thomas asks how can we know the way?

From my previous Bible studies pertaining to the Tabernacle, I learned the three sections of the Tabernacle align with the Way, Truth, Life in the same pattern and sequence.

So, I asked ChatGPT if it was aware of this connection. I asked the following:

“Jesus declared he was the way, truth, life. What is the process that leads through these three phases? I see a connection between the feasts in Leviticus 23 and that sequence. I also see a possible connection as outlined in the book, Process Brings Peace.”

ChatGPT Response:

You're onto something profound! Jesus’ declaration in **John 14:6**—*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*—can be seen as a **progressive process** that aligns with both the **biblical feasts in Leviticus 23** and the **principles in Process Brings Peace** (such as transformation through spiritual growth).

**1. "The Way" – Justification (Passover & Unleavened Bread)**

* **Feast Connection:** *Passover* represents salvation through the blood of the Lamb (Jesus), and *Unleavened Bread* symbolizes leaving sin behind.
* **Spiritual Process:** This is the start of the journey—coming to Jesus for **salvation** and repenting from sin.
* **Process Brings Peace:** This stage mirrors the beginning of faith, surrendering to God's plan, and trusting in His process.

**2. "The Truth" – Sanctification (Pentecost)**

* **Feast Connection:** *Pentecost (Shavuot)* celebrates the giving of the Law and later, the Holy Spirit's arrival.
* **Spiritual Process:** As believers grow in truth, they **receive the Holy Spirit**, learn God’s Word, and are transformed in obedience.
* **Process Brings Peace:** This aligns with the refining process—**faith being tested and strengthened** through challenges, leading to deeper wisdom and peace.

**3. "The Life" – Glorification (Tabernacles, Trumpets, Atonement)**

* **Feast Connection:** *Trumpets* announces the King’s return, *Atonement* signifies full reconciliation with God, and *Tabernacles* represents dwelling with Him eternally.
* **Spiritual Process:** This is the **completion of the journey**—resurrection, eternal life, and full union with God.
* **Process Brings Peace:** The final reward after faithfully walking through the process—experiencing the fullness of God’s glory and eternal peace.

**Conclusion: The Process of Transformation**

✔ *The Way* → Justification → Salvation through the Blood → **Passover**
✔ *The Truth* → Sanctification → Growing in the Spirit → **Pentecost**
✔ *The Life* → Glorification → Eternal Union with God → **Tabernacles**

This shows that the **process itself leads to peace**—as we move from salvation, through transformation, and into ultimate life with Christ. Just as the feasts are a **pattern of redemption**, Jesus embodies that same **divine process** that we must walk through! 🔥✝️