**John 16:12**

**7/17/19**

**Intro – Last Week, We Were Blessed As We Examined Scriptures, Which Revealed That The Holy Spirit – Not Only Works In The *Believing World* – But Also In The *World Of Unbelievers*.**

**We Discovered That The Holy Spirit Reproves – Convicts – Convinces The World Of Their Faults/Errors – In Three Specifics Areas:**

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Sin

Righteousness

Judgement

**Tonight, Jesus Informs The Disciples That The Holy Spirit’s Work In Them Will Be Quite Different.**

***Yet, The Work The Holy Spirit Will Do In The Disciple’s Life, Is The Same Work The Holy Spirit Does In Our Lives.***

**1. V. 12a – As Is Often The Case, Jesus Makes A Very Curious, And In Many Ways A Very Baffling Statement. What Is It?**

**2. Jesus Makes This Statement As Though He Has Plans To Continue Teaching Them Into The Future.**

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| 12  I Have Yet Many Things To Say Unto You, But Ye Cannot Bear Them Now. (KJV) | 12  I Have Much More To Say To You, But Right Now It Would Be More Than You Could Understand. (CEV) | 12  "I Still Have Many Things To Say To You, But You Cannot Bear Them Now. (ESV) |

**3. In Light Of Everything Jesus Told Them Is About To Happen Him, What Makes This Promise So Odd? (*He Has Told Them Of His Soon-Coming Death, Yet, He Asserts That He Will Be Teaching Them More Things In The Future!*)**

**4. Christ Would Not Be There To Teach Them In Bodily Form, But The Spirit Of Christ – The Holy Spirit – Would Be With Them!**

***Although You And I Do Not Share In The Disciples Experience Of Walking With Jesus In The Physical Sense, We Do Share With Them All The Fullness Of The Fellowship Of The Holy Spirit.***

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All That The Holy Spirit Was To Them, He Is To You And Me.

**5. V. 12b – With All That Jesus Has Taught Them In The Last 3 ½ Years He Now Indicates That There Were Many Lessons He Was Not Able To Impart To Them. What Was The Reason? (*“Bear” - “Receive” – “Sustain” – “Endure”*)**

**6. Who, In Your Own Words, Can Sum Up What Jesus Has Said To The Disciples In Verse 12?**

**7. Jesus Has Many Things Yet, To Teach His Disciples About…**

**(Slide 5)**

The Kingdom Of Heaven

The Establishment Of The Church And The Harvest Of The Gentiles

The Move Away From The Ceremonial Law, And The Operation Of The Law Of Grace

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His Plans For Their Personal Lives And Ministries

The Events Of The End Times

The Ushering In Of Eternity

…And Many Other Things

**8. Think, For A Moment, Of All The Incredible Advantages The Disciples Had These 3 ½ Years. No Other Persons, Since Adam And Eve, Walked So Closely And Intimately With God.**

**Yet, With This Tremendous Advantage, They Were Still Unable To Comprehend And Implement The Things Of Heaven.**

**To Understand The Things Of God - And What Is More - To Live The Things Of God, They Would Have To Be Endowed With *Supernatural Power*!**

**9. Once The Holy Spirit Indwells Them At Pentecost, Will The Need For Growth And Training Be Over? (*No*)**

**10. Can Anyone Give Any Examples Of Training, Teaching, And Enlightenment, That Was Still Needed In The Lives Of The Disciples (Apostles), *After* Pentecost?**

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* Peter’s Full Acceptance Of Gentiles Into The Body Of Christ (Acts 9; 10)
* James (And Others) Coming To Understand That In Christ, There Was No Need For Circumcision And Other Elements Of The Law (Acts 15)
* Paul’s Growth In The Spirit Of Forgiveness (Acts 15)

**11. All Of These Are Reminders That *Learning*, *Understanding*, And *Embracing* The Things Of God, Is A Progression. What Is The Theological Term For This Progression? (*Sanctification*)**

**Christian Maturation Is A *Slow* – *Strenuous* – *Never Ending* – Process.**

**12. Let’s Consider For A Moment The Three Examples On Our Last Slide, And Apply Them In Our Own Christian Experience.**

* 1. **Why Do You Think Peter Had Such A Great Challenge Accepting Gentiles As “Full Fledged” Christians, To The Degree That Jesus Had To Continue Working This Attitude Out Of Him?**
	2. **Is The Holy Spirit Still Working On Any Of You Because You Are Sometimes Challenged In Accepting Others As “Fully Saved” Because They Do Not Flow In The Same Personal And Religious Traditions As You?**
	3. **Why Do You Think The First Church Leaders Were So Adamant About Circumcising Gentiles?**
	4. **Is The Holy Spirit Still Working On Your Temptation To Make Believers Conform To Those Things That Are Traditions Of Your Own Experience, But Not Things Mandated By God?**
	5. **Why Was Paul So Adamant That John Mark Would Not Be Permitted To Go With Him To Revisit The Churches They Had Established? (*An Unforgiving Spirit*)**
	6. **Is The Holy Spirit Still Working On You In The Area Of Attitudinal Sins, Like Forgiveness, Bitterness, Jealousy, Anger, Or Any Other Sin, For That Matter?**

**13. The Bottom Line For Us This Evening Is That God Is Not Finished With Us. He Still Has More For Us – More To Show Us – More For Us To Do.**

**There Is More Work The Spirit Has To Do *In* Us, Before We Are Ready To Receive All He Has *For* Us!**