

Text: John 16:12-15

Subject: The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

INTRODUCTION

1. Many more things to teach the Disciples

2. A major problem highlighted

They cannot bear the further knowledge that the Lord could give them

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

John 16:12-15

HUMAN LIMITATIONS

1. We have a number of human limitations

2. A short list:

a) The mind

i) Comprehension

ii) Depth of understanding

b) The heart

i) It can be overwhelmed

ii) It cannot process much if the feelings are overwrought

3. The Lord Jesus understood the limitations of His Disciples

a) So many lessons had been taught

- b) They were not able to comprehend everything
- c) Their hearts were also filled with sorrow
At the thought of the death of the Lord Jesus

THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

1. He will guide the Disciples John 16:13a
2. He will guide them to all truth John 16:13b
3. He will not speak of His own authority John 16:13b
 - a) He will speak what He hears
 - b) He will speak of things to come
4. He will glorify the Lord Jesus John 16:14
 - a) He will take from the Lord Jesus
 - b) He will declare what He has received from the Lord Jesus

WHAT ABOUT GOD THE FATHER?

1. He has given all things to the Lord Jesus
 - a) The word
 - b) The authority
 - c) The judgment John 5
2. The Holy Spirit knows all these
 - a) He takes from the Lord Jesus
 - b) He will declare all things to the Disciples

CONCLUSION

1. A key text to note

¹⁶ For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, ^[d] and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. ¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. ²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honour the Son just as they honour the Father. He who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent Him.

²⁴ “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. ²⁵ Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. ³⁰ I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

John 5:16-30

2. Things God has given to the Lord Jesus Christ

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| a) All judgment | John 5:22 |
| b) Honour | John 5:23 |
| c) Authority | John 5:27 |