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Today is Palm Sunday with the disciples having no inclination that the end of Jesus' life is close at hand. Though Jesus has tried to tell his disciples that the tide of public opinion was turning against him, all they saw was the throngs of people welcoming the Lord into Jerusalem.

Here we are in our third lesson of the Last Supper with the disciples being clueless about Judas and his betrayal. They see the world as swaying toward the Lord. They are not looking at the Hebrew political leaders that support the Romans and have something to lose if Jesus comes to power. Last week we finished up with the Works of the Christian with the Lord promising his followers that they will do greater works than him.

Keeping God's Commandments

The prerequisite for all of the promises that were mentioned in the previous lessons is to keep the Lord's commandments.

John 14:15-26

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

When we keep the commandments of the Lord we receive the promise of the Holy Ghost. Thus keeping the commandments of the Lord not only makes your life a better life, but also enables you to receive the Holy Ghost.

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If you love the Lord you will keep his Commandments

I remember when I was praying for someone to receive the Holy Ghost, who was seeking the Holy Ghost for years, I told him to let go of his will and give it all to Jesus. This man was holding back on the Lord and not relinquishing his will to the Lord. For years he failed to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. It wasn't until he let go and gave his will over to the Lord that he was able to receive the Holy Ghost.

Loving the Lord means that you are willing to follow in his footsteps and keep his sayings. This means that you are willing to turn your own will over to him and let him become the ruler and master of your life.

In other words, if you really love the Lord like you say you do, you are willing to give your all to him. Many of you cannot receive the gift of the Holy Ghost for you are keeping one small portion of your life from the Lord. In order to receive the Holy Ghost, your entire life belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Here we see the fulfillment of the Holy Ghost which was promised by the Lord. Each of the

disciples were all in one accord when they received the gift of the Holy Ghost. They were waiting for the Lord like he told them to wait. They were following his instructions to the letter.

This is the same attitude that we are to have. We need to follow the teachings of the Lord the same way that the disciples followed the Lord. So those who love the Lord wholeheartedly, not only follow his divine instructions, but are also filled with his Spirit just as it is described in the book of Acts.

The ones who say that they love the Lord but refuse to keep the Lord's commandments are just paying lip service to the Lord. The Lord is not mocked by these hypocrites who pretend to be Christian but are really servants of the Devil! The Lord is not mocked or fooled, though many are deceived by these deceivers.

Galatians 6:7-8

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

So those who really give their life over to the Lord become filled with the Lord, while those who pretend to follow the Lord never receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. These are the ones who are frustrated and wonder why they cannot receive the gift that others receive with no problem. Jesus reads your heart and knows what your true intentions are. He knows if your whole heart belongs to him or if you are keeping a portion for yourself.

When you receive the Holy Ghost, the Word of God will open up to you like it never has in the past. All of a sudden, you will understand

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scripture that has been hidden in the past. The Bible will become a living document where in the past it was another piece of literature. Also, when you receive the Holy Ghost you have the answers that have eluded you. Sometimes when you are witnessing, you will be saying stuff that you never thought possible.

Let Not Your Heart be Troubled

John 14:27-31

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

Here the Lord was forewarning the disciples that he was returning to his Father, and that they were not to be troubled or afraid. But as we all know, the disciples went into hiding until they received the gift of the Holy Ghost a month and a half later. When they received the Holy Ghost, all fear left them and they became strong in the Lord. They no longer were the timid disciples who were hiding from the law, but were now preaching in the streets.

Many times we are fearful of circumstances that are beyond our control. We can see all of

the evil that can befall us while seeing absolutely no solution. In times like these we need to put our faith and trust in the Lord just like the disciples.

When you have the Holy Ghost, you have the spirit of the living God dwelling inside of you. There is no reason to be fearful and worried. If you have the Lord dwelling in you, there is nothing that cannot be overcome. If you don't have the Spirit of Christ in you, there is good reason to be fearful.

Look at how the United States is dealing with terrorism. Since becoming a wicked nation, they are afraid of the terrorists. Now you see on the news information about possible attacks on the mass transit system. Those who have the Spirit of Christ dwelling in them do not have fear, though they might take the train daily. They know that the Lord will take care of them. Those who do not have the Holy Ghost are busy looking over their shoulders wondering who are the terrorists.

The Holy Ghost is for You

Acts 2:38-41

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

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Follow the same words that Peter told the people:

➤ Repent

Here we are to ask the Lord for forgiveness for our wicked ways. Here we are to give our whole life over to the Lord Jesus Christ and allow him to lead us in all aspects of our lives.

➤ Be Baptized in Jesus Name

Here we get our sins washed away and we take on the name of Jesus Christ for ourselves.

➤ Receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost

When you really give your all to Jesus Christ you will be filled with the most beautiful spirit. The whole world will look different after you receive the Holy Ghost.

Finally, the promise is even for us today who are living as Peter says, “To all that are afar off”.

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