



TIME OF GRACE®

Grace_{notes}

guides for personal Bible study

Come to the Upper Room and Be Comforted

John 14:25-27: ²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Points to Ponder

1. Read John 14:25. What is Jesus saying with this verse? What is going to happen soon?
2. In this Bible translation the Holy Spirit is called the Advocate. What other words could you use to describe the Holy Spirit and his work on our behalf?
3. In this section of Scripture, what is Jesus preparing his disciples for? Why?
4. Though Jesus would no longer be with the disciples physically, what gifts did he give them through the Holy Spirit?
5. No matter what befalls us on this earth, why can we be at peace and not afraid?

As Jesus was close to the end of his life, he reassured his disciples that he would be with them always. He also promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would teach them and remind them of what Jesus told them. All of this is true for us as well. And though life isn't always easy, as the disciples would find out after Jesus' death and resurrection, we can be at peace knowing that Jesus' work for us is complete and heaven is ours through faith in him.

What else does God say?

Isaiah 59:21: "As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD. "My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever," says the LORD.

Acts 2:38,29: Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.