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Reading:

John ch 14 v 1-6
John ch 16 v 5-14

In these sections the Lord Jesus Christ is preparing the people who had been following Him for His departure. They were saddened at His leaving.

They were experiencing trauma in their hearts at His going but the Lord said, "Let not your heart be troubled" (John 14:1)

Thomas, one of the disciples, asked where He was going and how they would know the way to get there.

The Lord told them that there was only one way to God: He was the One Who was going to make that way possible.

How would He do that?

He did this by going to Calvary and giving Himself to God as a sacrifice for sin. He was going to take sins belonging to mankind and make them His own. He had to die for our sins. "having made peace through the blood of his cross" (Col 1:20)

"I am the way the truth and the life no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6)

The good news is He went to Calvary and bore our sins on the cross. "bore our sins in His body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). The very sins that would barr us from the presence of God. By this sacrifice He has made a way back to God. "wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities etc" (ref)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16)

People try their own way to get into heaven. They work hard to get there but they way has been presented to people. They just won't accept it.

Peace is available by believing and trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The people the Lord was speaking to were scared He was going to leave them. No one likes to feel like they've been orphaned. He said I will not leave you fatherless.

It was necessary for Him to go to the cross, be raised again and go to the father but He said I will send the comforter. The comforter is a real person: the Holy Spirit.

When we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ we receive the Holy spirit for help. We are given forgiveness of sins, hope for eternity and an inheritance in heaven.

Satan will attack the Christian. Believers will suffer persecution and Satan will accuse and bring forth doubts. The comforter is our advocate and helper who is there to defend, lead and guide us.

"We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). So when the believer sins they need to confess their sin and restore fellowship with the Father through the Son (1 John 1:9).

When you trust the Saviour you are born again into God's family. The bible describes the believer as an adopted son of God. In today's law it is legally impossible to be disowned once you have been adopted but a parent can disown a biological child.

Jesus Christ has come in the flesh to redeem us by the sacrifice of Himself. The holy one has died for us "the just for the unjust" (1 Peter 3:18). If you believe in Him you will be saved. (Acts 16:31).

What about Christians?

The Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin. The specific sin of unbelief on the Lord. Jesus Christ has come in the flesh to die for us and He is the only way to heaven. He wants us to believe in Him. If we do not believe we will be barred from heaven and from God. Satan wants to blind the eyes of men and woman so they won't believe. The Lord Jesus Christ completed His work at the cross. God is righteous in His judgment and is satisfied with the finished work of Christ.

The Holy Spirit is working in this world and God can righteously give man and woman salvation. Forgiveness of sins because the Saviour died.

Satan - The prince of this world has been judged when Christ died upon the cross.

“crushed the serpents head” (Gen 3:15)- at Calvary not just bruised but crushed.

Satan knows his time is short. He is a defeated foe but is trying hard to destroy people.

Do I believe with all my heart?

“if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Romans 10:9)