**Scripture Reading:** John 14:15-26; 16:1-15

**Singing:** 238:1-3 – 147:1-5 – 143:3-4 – 428:1-2

**Intro. We all agree that the *departure of one we love* is a loss! Yet there**

**is one exception!** (John 16:7)

**The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

I. He came as a Teacher II. He came as a Comforter

III. He came as a Home-Maker

**I. The Coming of Holy Spirit as our Teacher**

A. The Spirit’s first coming is *as Re-creator* of the soul (John 3:8) yet we

 need to Spirit’s *continued ministry*

B. Jesus’ announcements about the Holy Spirit’s coming are remarkable

 1. Notice the meaning of *another Comforter*

 2. Notice the startling statement of John 16:7

 a. How can His departure be an advantage over His own presence?

C. Jesus’ teaching illustrates how Spirit’s coming is advantageous

 1. He will come as Teacher (Ch. 16:13-15)

 a. consider where He dwelled before: Luke 4:1

 b. consider what that means about the Spirit: 1 Cor. 2:11-14

 c. consider what that will mean for the disciples if the Spirit which

 dwelled in Jesus would now take residence in their heart?

 2. There is so much that is *hidden about the Lord Jesus Christ!*

a. consider the mystery of John 14:11

 b. set this beside John’s insight (through the Spirit) in John 1:1-18

c. what will be the fruit of His teaching presence? John 14:21; 1:18

• see the unbosoming of God’s comforts in Romans 8

 3. Children of God are to take heed never to *grieve the Spirit for then*

*He ceases to do His work as Teacher*

**II. The coming of Holy Spirit as the Comforter**

A. Not only the disciples are sad and grieving at this moment: John 13:21

 1. Jesus understands their distress: *He Himself faces a* ***deeper*** *distress*

 2. Therefore He comforts them: *I will not leave you comfortless* (14:18)

 a. He promises to send the Holy Spirit as *the Comforter*

b. meaning and work of the *Comforter* (John 16:8-12)

 • He is the best *Advocate*

 • He is the best *Witness*

• He has the *most knowledge of the Law*

 • He has the greatest *power*

B. Can you see the precious comfort in this task of Holy Spirit?

 1. He gives the Word its heavenly power and glory

 a. neglect not the plain testimony of His Word by preferring

 spiritual experiences above the Word (2 Peter 1:20-21)

 2. As Jesus is Advocate in heaven, so the Holy Spirit is Advocate on earth

 a. consider Romans 8:12-15, 26

**III. The Coming of the Holy Spirit as the *Home-Maker***

A. Perhaps an unusual name for the Holy Spirit but consider John 14:17, 23

 1. His task is more than *dwell in us*

 a. As Jesus prepares heaven for His people, the Spirit prepares

 Jesus’ people for heaven (Eph. 2:21-22)

b. Both the Father and the Son delight to be at ‘home in the hearts

 of His elect people’

 2. This work of the Holy Spirit as the Home-Maker is work of sanctifying a. involves *demolition*

 b. involves *reconstruction or beautifying*

Closing questions:

A. Still disagree that Jesus departure isn’t more beneficial?

 1. To miss the Holy Spirit is to miss more than Jesus’ personal presence

B. What makes our home *the most pleasant places – our marriages the*

 *most satisfying relationships?*

 1. Meditate on John 14:21, 23; 15:10