

Prerequisite and Promises of Comfort

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Lesson 33 – John 14:1-17

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Purpose of the Gospel: John 20:30-31 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Outline:

I.	Incarnation of the Son Of God	1:1-18
II.	Presentation of the Son Of God	1:19-4:54
III.	Opposition of the Son Of God	5:1-12:50
IV.	Disciples of the Son Of God	13:1-17:26
V.	Execution of the Son Of God	18:1-19:37
VI.	Resurrection of the Son Of God	19:38-21:25

Memory Verse: John 14:6 Jesus said to him, **“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.**

Theme: Believers in distress will receive comfort by understanding the prerequisite for comfort and the promises that bring comfort.

I. The Prerequisite to Comfort **1-4**

Reasons for Distress:

- ◆ Ashamed of ____: Their selfishness and pride was exposed by Jesus washing of their feet
 - ◆ Fear of ____: Jesus' statement that one of them would betray Him
 - ◆ Loss of ____: Jesus' statement that He was to die and leave them alone.
 - ◆ Loss of ____: Jesus' statement that their bold leader would deny Him
1. Trust in God _____ to use His power to protect you and strengthen you
 2. Trust in God _____ to use His power to lead you and equip you.

II. Comfort from the Promise of a Future Reunion 2-11

1. Jesus is preparing the place for their future reunion at _____.
2. Jesus will come for them, personally, to bring them to _____.

3. Jesus reminds the disciples, they already know _____ to where He is going.

♦ A Disappointing Question by _____ 5-7

♦ A More Disappointing Question by _____ 8-11

III. Comfort from the Promise of a Fruitful Ministry 12

1. The disciple's will do the works that Jesus did, but to a greater _____.

2. The disciple's ministry will continue to be fruitful because Jesus _____.

IV. Comfort from the Promise of Answered Prayer 13-15

1. Jesus will not be visibly with them, but will continue to _____.

2. As the result of Jesus answering their prayers, God is _____.

3. Genuine love for Jesus is evidenced by _____ to His commands.

V. Comfort from the Promise of the Holy Spirit 16-17

1. Jesus anticipates the disciples' needs and asks the Father to send _____.

2. The "Helper" would care for them and empower them to establish _____.

3. The Holy Spirit will not leave a believer, but will abide with them _____.

Implications:

1. We are to trust Jesus when we are in great distress and in need of comfort.

2. Our comfort will come from looking forward to our future reunion with Jesus.

3. Our comfort will come from participating in fruitful ministry.

4. Our comfort will come from the receiving resources through answered prayer.

5. Our comfort will come from the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:1 **1** "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.