

**A Permanent Home**

**John 14:15-21** <sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will obey what I command. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

**Intro:** There is something special about a **permanent** home.

**I.** The sad state of the believer **before** Pentecost.

**A.** The Holy Spirit would fill **individuals**. Ex. Gideon, David, Sampson etc.

**B.** But it was **not** permanent. Sin would cause the Spirit to leave.

**I Samuel 11:6** "When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger..." (NIV)

**I Samuel 16:14** "Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him." (NIV)

**Psalms 51:11** "Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me." (NIV)

**John 20:22** "And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

**C.** This was because The Spirit is God and His **holiness** wouldn't allow for permanence. He is God. **Acts 5:3-4** Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? <sup>4</sup>Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."

**II.** The sacrifice of Jesus Christ permanently **satisfied** God's holiness and paved the way for a permanent relationship with God and us.

**A.** Our relationship to God now is as an **adopted** child. We are now in the family of God.

**Romans 8:15** "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"

**B.** We now have the “other counselor”, The **Holy Spirit**, in a permanent indwelling. V. 16

**III.** All great **awakenings** in history had a few things in common and they are all mentioned in this text.

**A.** They were products of **truth** being presented. V. 17 The Spirit of Truth

**B.** They were marked by sincere **repentance**. V. 14

**C.** They were evidenced by an **empowering** to Christ followers and salvation to those without Christ.

“When God arises, his enemies are scattered, that is the story of all the great revivals of history. But we shall not be interested in revival until we realize the need of ‘this kind’, the futility of all our own efforts and endeavors and the utter absolute need of prayer and seeking the power of God alone.” Martyn Lloyd Jones Revival.

**John 14:12** “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” (NIV)