

## JESUS' CARE AND PRAYER

**PLEASE do not read these comments until you have prayed and read the Bible for this lesson to learn what the Holy Spirit wants you to teach your students. Then let Him guide you in using these notes. When you follow this procedure you will be a better teacher of your students.**

**Lesson Aim:** Trust in the Lord for His wisdom and supplies to do the work He wants you to do.

**Suggestion:** The teacher lesson will call attention to some important truths to teach. After the lesson, give your class next week's Student Lesson so they can share their answers in class next week.

**Introduction:** On their way to the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus told His disciples that they would suffer persecution, but He would send the Spirit to help them and He would answer their prayers. Then He stopped and prayed for Himself, for His disciples and for all believers. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding" (Prov 3:5).

### **What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do for believers? 14:16-17, 26; 16:13-14**

The Holy Spirit's presence would be everywhere at the same time. He would dwell in every believer and be with them forever (14:16-17). He would teach the believers and bring to their memory the things that they had been taught (14:26). This was especially important for those who were appointed to record the works and words of Jesus in the Gospels. He still brings Scriptures and teachings to the memories of believers as they serve Him. He would guide believers to the truth and show them things to come (16:13). He would glorify Christ (16:14). As a result the work and glory of Christ would be multiplied greatly.

### **What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do for the unbelievers? 16:8-11**

He would reprove (convict or convince) the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (16:8). First, He would convict people of their sin so they would see their need to come to Jesus for salvation (16:9; cf. 15:22-24). The Spirit would do the same kind of work that Jesus did in uncovering the sins of people. Second, He would convict sinners by showing them God's standard for righteousness since Christ would no longer be seen on earth. How did He do it? He would inspire holy men to record the life of Jesus in the New Testament Scriptures and convince sinners that Jesus' life is God's only standard for righteousness (Rom 10:3-4). Third, He would convince unbelievers that Satan was judged and condemned by Jesus when He died on the cross and was raised from the grave (1 Cor 15:3-4; Heb 2:14). If they did not repent of their sins and receive Jesus as Savior, they will be judged like him.

### **What was the substance of Jesus' prayer? 17:1-26**

Jesus' intercessory prayer was threefold. **First**, He prayed for Himself: He finished the work of salvation that His Father had given Him, so He asked for the glory that He had before the world was. (17:1-5). **Second**, He prayed for His disciples: they were given to Him by His Father (17:6-19) so He prayed that they be kept in true spiritual unity (17:11); that they be kept from the powers of Satan (17:15); and that they might be kept separated from the world by the sanctification of God's truth in His Word (17:17). **Third**, Jesus prayed for all future believers (17:20-26): that they be brought into perfect unity (17:21-23); and that they be with Him to behold His glory (17:24). He also desired that His Father's love for Him would be in all believers and He would be in them (17:25-26).

### **Why did Jesus choose Judas to be His disciple? 17:12**

Jesus did everything that His Father told Him to do so the Scripture would be fulfilled. Since His Father knew all things, He knew that Judas would betray His Son like David was betrayed by a friend, so he had David record it as a prophecy of Judas (Ps 41:9). It also serves as a warning to hypocrites: God knows who they are and His judgment of them will be true and just.