

A Soldier's Goodbye John 14:25-31

1. Jesus gives us the Spirit (14:25-26)

(John 16:7) Jesus must leave to send the Holy Spirit
(John 14:25-26) The Spirit will do two things for us:

A. The Spirit teaches us. *"He will teach you all things."*

The Spirit will teach us the meaning of the Bible as we read it.
1 Cor. 2:14 The Bible is understood through the Holy Spirit

1 John 2:27 We do not need a human to interpret it for us.
(So as to prevent people from reading the Bible themselves).

Warning: This does not mean that we don't need teachers, books...

Acts 17:11 Bereans both read the Bible and received instruction.

B. The Spirit recalls the Bible. *"Bring to your remembrance."*

(Examples: **John 2:22**, **Acts 11:16**, **Matt 4:4**, **Lk. 12:12**)



Things that are NOT the work of the Holy Spirit:

Putting out the fleece (Judges 6)

Matt 16:4 Evil generation seeks a sign.

Jn 29:29 Blessed as those who have not seen and believed

Ps 119:15 God's word is a lamp to our feet (providing wisdom)

Rom 12:2 God's Word transforms our thinking

The Magic 8-ball

Some use scriptural divination to discern God's will, looking for meaning outside of the normal meaning of the text.

"God told me."

Some view their inner voice as the voice of God.

That voice is our own spirit (informed by Scripture or not).

Romans 14:5 Paul calls that guiding voice one's **"own mind."**

We are not prophets receiving new revelation.

2. Jesus gives us Peace (14:27)

(14:27) "My peace I give to you, not as the world gives."

Spiritual peace (Colossians 1:19-20) "Peace by the blood."

Outside of Christ, we are enemies of God (**Jas. 4:4; Rom 5:10**).

Practical peace (Rom 8:6) Mind governed by Spirit is peace.

Jesus' peace differs from the world's peace:

The world's peace is to remove the painful circumstances.

The peace of Christ is peace amidst the trial (**Daniel 3**).

Phil 4:7 Christ's peace "passes understanding."

Jn 14:27 Jesus commands us not to allow our hearts to be troubled.

Illus: *Song: (Scott Krippayne) "Sometimes He Calms the Storm."*

3. Jesus is glorified (14:28-31)

14:28 "The Father is greater than I." **What this does not mean:**

Jesus is inferior to the Father.

Jesus is some kind of angel (*Jehovah's Witnesses*).

Hebrews 2:5-8 It was not to angels that God subjected the world...

Jesus was made *for a little while lower* than the angels.

In His current state, the Father has greater glory than Christ.

This will change when Jesus returns to the Father.

For this reason, be glad when Jesus says He must leave.

(14:29) This teaching is to strengthen their faith.

(14:30) Jesus calls Satan the "ruler of this world."

Ephesians 2:2 Satan is the "prince of the power of the air."

2 Cor 4:4 Satan is called "the god of this world."

I John 5:19 "World lies in the power of the evil one."

Q: Why does Satan have this authority?

A: God gave him that authority (**Romans 13:1**)

(14:30) Satan has no claim on (power over) Christ

Eph. 1:11 God does all according to His own will and purposes.

Jesus is telling them that what they are about to see (arrest and death) is not according to Satan's purposes but God's.

Col. 2:15 Jesus disarmed Satan through the cross

(14:31) Jesus' obedience unto death proved His love for the Father.

(Remember that the definition of love is to obey God (**Jn 14:21**).

"Rise, let us go from here" shows Jesus' eagerness to obey God.

