

The Gift of Peace **(John 14:25-26)**

Introduction:

The Core Truth: Our experience of peace is as the result of the indwelling of the spirit.

The Central Text:

1. The Reminder of Departure (v.25)

- a main theme throughout this last speech (13:33, 14:2, 13:1)

2. The Person of the Spirit (v.26)

- “But the comforter” – the coming of the Spirit counteracts the departure of Christ.
- The Spirit as comforter (paraclete)
- The Spirit is sent “in the name of Jesus”; that is to say, for his glory and through his agency.
- Spirit is sent as reminder and teacher. There is a ministry of continuity:

Jesus speaks the word of the father (v.24), and the Spirit reminds us of what Jesus says

3. The Experience of Peace (v.27)

A. Peace is connected to the presence of the Spirit:

- proximity of v.26 and v.27
- “presence” and peace Ezekiel 37:26-28
- peace is a fruit of the Spirit Galations 5:22
- peace as a gift

B. Peace is differentiated from worldly peace:

- Worldly peace – escapism, temporary, contingent
- “eirēnē” – existence of internal rest with or without turmoil.

C. Peace as the cure for anxiety:

- “be troubled” – a tossed sea
- “be afraid” – a timid heart
- this command is based on a truth. This is a familiar pattern in Bible teaching.