



Perfecting Discipleship: Discipleship and Peace

Like a Compass

God's provision for the disciple is like a supernatural compass that points the way and lights the path to do the will of God.

Introduction: Not only does the Father send us the Holy Spirit to teach us all things—Jesus leaves us His peace to sustain us through all things.

A. The Influence of the Spirit: *Sent and Received* (:25-26)

1. The Spirit is the agent for the presence of the Father and the Son in the believer. The helping ministry of the Holy Spirit is to help us 'remember' and to 'teach' us. *1 John 2:20; 27*
2. The Holy Spirit brought about an anointing of the Word by quickening, empowering, sanctifying, encouraging and emboldening the early believers. *Acts 1:8*
Acts 9:31 "Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied."

B. The Influence of Peace: *Given to Us by Jesus* (:27)

1. This is Jesus' last will—He leaves us a most precious gift: His peace.
2. His peace goes beyond our need to know and surpasses any reason to live in fear. (*Phil 4:4-7*)
3. There are two kinds of peace available:
 - a. The peace of Jesus
 - b. The peace of the world. The world cannot give the 'peace of Jesus.' The only kind of peace the world can give is a limited cease fire or a compromise, peace at any cost. (*Mat 5:9*) The real peacemaker makes peace based on 'truth' — God's truth — Jesus is Truth. (*John 14:6*)
4. Jesus is the Prince of Peace (*Isa 9:6*) while Satan is the prince of this world (*Eph 2:1-3*)
5. The reason or basis for a disciple to live above troubled and fear is the 'peace' of Jesus—to focus **ONLY** on Jesus and not upon self.

C. The Influence of the World: *Ruled by Satan* (:30)

1. Satan had departed for a time—and now will make a last stand against Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. But Satan has **NO** real power over Jesus or us (believers) "...he [Satan] has nothing [no power] over me." (:30) (*Rom 8:37-39*)
2. Satan is a defeated foe but continues to exercise his power over a fallen world. *Eph 2:1-3*

A great many people are trying to make peace,
but that has already been done. God has not left it for us to do;
all we have to do is to enter into it.

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John 14:25-31

The Father *Sends*

:25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father ***will send*** in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

The Son *Leaves*

:27 Peace ***I leave*** with you, **My peace *I give*** to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The Prince of Peace — *Versus* — The Prince of this World!

:28 You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming *back* to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

:29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

:30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler [prince] of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

:31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.