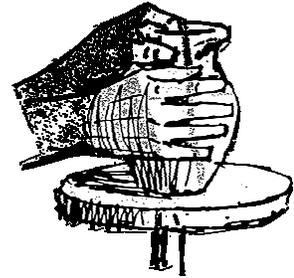


His Workmanship: Westside

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.”

—Ephesians 2:10



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Isaiah 64:8

The Legacy of Jesus, John 13-16: Part 6, the Possession of Truth, by

One of the most precious portions of scripture is John 13-16. It is because it has pathos, emotion, sympathy, and love—but more than that, because it is the legacy of Jesus Christ to His children, to His disciples, to His followers, to those of us who know and love Him. The last will and testament of Christ to His disciples certainly should be of great significance to us. When we realize that Jesus Christ, leaving this world, left us this legacy, it enriches our lives to such a great extent that it behooves us to understand and appropriate what is in this passage. These are the Christians' most treasured possessions. We have looked at the first five of these ten treasured possessions. The **first** promise He left us is the proof of His love, 13:1-12. *“He loved His own which were in the world unto perfection,”* 13:1. He loved them totally, and He wanted them to know He loved them, because they might feel that, because He was leaving, He was somewhat indifferent to their need or detached to leave them in such dire circumstances without any resource. So He wanted them to know that, indeed, He loves them, and He loves them to perfection.

The **second** legacy is the hope of heaven, 14. He said, *“I’m going away,*

but I’ll be back to get you, and I’m going to take you to a place that I’m now preparing for you. So stop letting your heart be troubled. If you trust God, you can trust Me.” He stated His equality with God and He promised them the hope of heaven. *“I’m going away to get your room ready in the Father’s house.”*

The **third** promise is the guarantee of power: *“You’ve seen My works, and they’re proof enough of who I am. But verily, verily I say unto you, he who believes on Me will also do the works that I do; and greater than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father,”* Jn 14:11-12. Because He ascended to the Father, the disciples, primarily in view here (and we, secondarily), would be able to do greater works than He did. This doesn’t mean that they would (or we will) do works that are greater in power, for there couldn’t be any greater power than the power of God. We won’t do any works that are greater in kind, because you can’t do anything greater in kind than raise the dead and create things, and that’s what He did. But what He referred to is that the extension of His power would be greater in terms of its spread than it had ever been during His ministry. The miracles of the early church were carried to a far broader area, geographically, than ever was done in the

life of Jesus. Since that time, salvation and transforming power have been carried around the globe, and that’s what He meant.

The **fourth** legacy is the assurance of supply: *“Whatever you shall ask in My name, that will I do. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it,”* Jn 14:13-14. Jesus was saying, *“I know it seems scary for Me to go and leave you without any resources, but let me assure you that you will have everything you need if you simply ask for it.”* Prayer is the umbilical cord that connects us with Jesus, our Vine, our source of power and supply in heaven, Jn 15:1-8. Christ has promised us that all things are ours. Paul echoed that when he said, *“My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches by Christ Jesus,”* Phil 4:19. *“According to His riches,”* doesn’t mean “out of His riches, that is, a little piece of what He has. He gives us “according to,” that is, He gives in an equal measure to all His supply to meet the need. Thus, they would (we will) never lack for anything that was (is) needful for them (us), but that they would (we will) have absolute supply. His supply is to be gained by seeking the Father in prayer in order that, when He gives it, He may be glorified for having answered.

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“But when the Helper comes, Whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth Who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.” —Jn 15:26

He gives according to His riches and according to His will, the assurance of supply.

The **fifth** legacy is the promise of the Holy Spirit. He said, *“I will pray the Father, and He will give you another paraklētos, Comforter, supernatural Helper, Who will abide with you forever,”* 16:14. He is *“the Spirit of truth,”* 17. *“But the Comforter, Who is the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name,”* 26, and here again, is the same idea indicating the coming of the Holy Spirit to dwell within the apostles (and us) for several reasons. The Holy Spirit came upon them to empower them, *“You shall receive power after the Spirit has come upon you,”* Acts 1:8; cf. Rm 15:19; 1 Cor 2:4. The Holy Spirit came to comfort them. Acts 9:31 talks about *“the comfort of the Holy Spirit”* that belonged to the early churches. So we have the proof of love, the hope of heaven, the guarantee of power, the assurance of supply, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Now we will continue with a **sixth** legacy from Jesus, the possession of truth. Today is a frustrating world for the one who seeks for truth. So it was in the day of Jesus. Think about the cynical response of Pilate, who said to Jesus, *“What is truth?”* Jn 18:38. He was at the point in his life where he was so wearied of the endeavor to find truth that he had become cynical, as if to say, *“Ah, there is no truth.”* The Bible says that men seek the truth and never find it, that there is no end to the writing of books, but very little finding of the truth, Eccl 12:10-12; Jer 5:1; Hos 5:6; Jn 7:34-36; that the philosophy of man is vain deceit, Eccl 1:2, 14; 2:11, 21; 12:8; Jer 4:30; 6:29; 46:11; 51:58; Hab 2:13; Zech 10:12; Mt 15:9; Col 2:8. The struggle of man to uncover reality—the ultimate reality of destiny, of eternity, of origin, of salvation, of purpose, of being a part of some eternal continuum—is

empty unless he seeks the Lord. All worldly truth and knowledge that man so desperately searches for, that gnawing emptiness in his heart, can only be filled by knowing God, the reason for being. Jesus gave us that. He said, *“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent,”* Jn 17:3. In giving us the Spirit, Jesus said the Father would give *“even the Spirit of truth,”* 17:14. The Holy Spirit is inseparable from the truth, and when God gave us the Spirit, He gave us the truth teacher. The Spirit of God in the life of a believer is an objective revealer of truth. That is, the word of God, the Bible, is written and objective. By objective truth the Spirit of God leads us internally in our thinking to understand the Bible, leads our minds to the knowledge of truth. It’s a great, great reality to know that the Lord Jesus Christ has granted to us a resident teacher of truth. In his epistle, John compared antichrists with true Christians, showing the difference. The first difference is that, as opposed to antichrists, true Christians *“have an unction [anointing] from the Holy One, and you know all things,”* 1 Jn 2:20. We have an unction, which in Greek literally means ointment. We have an oil, an anointing, an ointment from the Holy One, from God Himself, from Christ. As a result of that, *“we know all things.”* Now, that does not mean all things in terms of all things in the universe, as God is omniscient: *“Now we know in part; someday we’ll know as we are known,”* 1 Cor 13:9. So John didn’t mean that we know everything there is to know, but that we know *“all things that pertain to life and godliness,”* 2 Pet 1:3. We know all things necessary for understanding salvation and consequent behavior. We know all spiritual things we need to know, because we

have a resident truth teacher. The Holy Spirit works on our hearts and minds to bring our conscience into conformity to God’s truth.

“I have written unto you because you know the truth,” 1 Jn 2:21. Do you see it? He said, *“Not because you don’t know the truth, but because you know it.”* Look at the verse: *“I am writing to you these things because you know the truth.”* We say, *“What’s the point of that? Why should we study?”* But notice the very important thing: *“And now I am giving you the objective revelation, and the combination of both the objective revelation and that revelation working within your conscience is equipping you.”* It is only when you have the objective revelation that you are able to understand the truth. *“God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God,”* 1 Cor 2:10. The only way we can understand the things of God is for God to reveal them to us. He has revealed them to us by the Holy Spirit. *“For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit Who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God,”* 1 Cor 2:11-12. John said, *“I write unto you the objective revelation, and you will understand it, and that “I write unto you the objective revelation by the Holy Spirit, and you will understand it by the Holy Spirit,”* 1 Jn 2:21. The Holy Spirit of Truth will work in your mind so that truth as objective theology and truth as personal direction in your life by the Holy Spirit applying the Word come together to give you the truth that God wants you to have. John further discussed this: *“But the anointing which you have received of Him abides in you,”* 1 Jn 2:27. Now, Who gave the anointing, the unction,
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Psalm 133:1

Let your faith be seen in 2014
“I rejoice to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.”
—Colossians 2:5

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the ointment, the oil? The Holy Spirit. The Spirit’s teaching (the Word of God) abides in you. Look at all these things about the Holy Spirit: He proceeds from Christ. You have received of Him. He is internal, dwelling in you. He is permanent, abides, present continuous. He is sufficient. “You need not that any man teach you.” Then you may say, “Well, then go home, preacher, and leave us alone.” This doesn’t abolish the work of preachers. You say, “Well, it says right there we don’t need any man to teach us.” Yes, but what it means is that we are not to listen to human teaching. John said that he was writing about those who would “try to deceive you,” 26. We should not hear man’s commandments, Mt 15:9. That doesn’t mean, “Oh, I can take my kids out of school. They don’t need to learn anything.” It is referring to false teaching, teaching that does not conform to what Christ or the apostles taught—what is in the Bible—about salvation, about godliness, about eternal truth in relationship to God. When it comes to all of that, we have the objective teaching from God in the Bible. We are taught by God, by the Holy Spirit, cf. Ps 25:4, 12; 27:11; 71:17; 86:11; 94:12; 119:12, 33, 108; Is 2:3; Mic 4:2; Jn 6:45; 1 Thes 4:9; Heb 8:11.

Now, sometimes the Spirit teaches us through a preacher or teacher, but He is still the Holy Spirit. We should not study human approaches to religion. The only time that human religion is ever right is when it conforms with Scripture. When it is scriptural, we

don’t need human religion, because we have the Scripture already. The rest of the time, human teaching is wrong, and we sure don’t need it then. So the point is that the Word of God, granted to us objectively, combines with the internalized teaching (anointing) of God, the Holy Spirit residing in us, Who supplies the application of the truth so that we know the truth. That is Christ’s legacy to us. Think of it. When you want to know an answer to anything, you can go right to the Bible. It’s here. This is the treasury from which you govern your life.

We get to the objective part again in Jn 14:26: “But the Comforter, Who is the Holy Spirit”—or the Spirit of truth—“Whom the Father will send in My name”—that is consistent with My authority and person; He will be equal to Me—“He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you.” This verse does not have a primary application to all Christians. It has a primary application to the writers of the New Testament, to the apostolic preachers in the early era of the church. It is a promise of verbal inspiration. Jesus said, “Now, I’m going to go away, but when the Spirit comes, 1) He will teach you all things that you have not yet learned, but that you must know to have the total picture of salvation. And 2) He will also bring to your remembrance all the past things that I’ve taught you.” Here are the two facets of the New Testament. One, “He will bring all things to your remembrance,” the record of the gospels in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. When they sat down to write those gospels, they had to remember accurately the things that Jesus had said because those four gospels recorded the life of Christ. How would they ever remember everything? “The Holy Spirit Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all those things, and bring things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you.” When the gospel writers recorded the words of Jesus in the

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Discipleship Here At Home

PRAY FOR healing, protection, help, and comfort here and away

- **Tracy Corray**—testing points to allergies
- **Melanie Baughn**—in OK with her mother who is in hospital with renal failure and cellulitis
- **Jennifer Clayton**, former member—severe Lyme disease; heart, spine, neuro issues;
- **Frank Savarese**—to have surgery on salivary gland 12/8
- **Chad Meyers** of Smoky Hill—acute renal failure
- **Brittany Tope**’s mother—breast cancer in spine; grandmother—on dialysis
- **Hadderses**’ nephew **Zeke**—broken femur in KY
- **Christine Adams**—recovering from ankle surgery, using walking cast; homebound till Dec 29; see **Judy Sartin** to co-ordinate meals
- **Sharon Rupinen**, **Sandra Perry**’s sister—surgery
- **Sylvia Chapman**, **Brett**’s grandmother—third stage pancreatic cancer; chemo
- **Ed Fink**—prostate cancer; current treatment for brain tumors. Undergoing chemo this month
- **Judy Sartin**’s son, **Dave Sartin**—colitis and severe depression; needs new job; **Judy**’s friend, **Vicky Keys**, to begin radiation after mastectomy
- **Kenny Boyd**’s coworker **Kim Phillips**—asks our prayers for her heart condition
- **Judy Strand**—recovering from bleeding episode
- Remember **Paul Alfaro** and **Elaine Isbell**, who have returned to Christ and need our prayers and help. **Sandra Hampton** has returned to her husband’s bigamous marriage; pray for her and her family.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS

- Logan Corray**; **Addison Tope**; **Christian Harrod**; **Rocco Jr**; **Pat Wilkes**, **Tim Huelsman**—asthma
- Bill Dennis**—adjusting pacemaker and meds
- Nell Free**—pacemaker, heart; back pain
- Autumn Hadders**—epilepsy; celiac disease
- Jonathan Hadders**—rheumatoid arthritis
- Danielle Huelsman**—vertigo, CV syndrome
- Hannah Huelsman**—polycythemia, thickening of blood; heart murmur, acid reflux, chest pain
- Kirk Johnson**—MS
- Menards**—aging; **Lloyd**, diabetes, weak;
- Virginia**, macular degeneration; high BP
- Sandra Perry**—neuropathy from diabetes
- Cheryl Reames**—diverticulitis; fibromyalgia
- Judy Sartin**—spinal stenosis; arthritis
- Judy and Mike Strand**—hepatitis trtment
- Lynda Szymanski**—COPD, lung weakness
- Travel Patricia Ward** is in AZ with daughters and grandson.

The **Smoky Hill** church will host a singing today, 11/30, at 5:30 pm.

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New Testament, are they accurate? They'd better be accurate. The Holy Spirit ensured they were recorded, written down, and then translated correctly, and He never makes a mistake, and He never lies. "There is no lie in Him. He is the Spirit of truth," 1 Jn 2:21; 4:6; Jn 14:17; 15:26; 16:13. When the Spirit of God brought things to the apostles' remembrance, they would be accurate. So we can read the gospels, beloved, and read the life of Christ there, and have absolute confidence because of the promise of Jesus that what we are reading is, in fact, His very word. Isn't that a great confidence? When we go to the Bible, we don't need to speculate about whether it's accurate or not. Jesus said, "*When the Word is written, it'll be accurate,*" so I will take His word, won't you? He said, "*When you remember to write the gospels, you will remember accurately by the Spirit.*"

But there's a further point. "*Also, I will continue to teach you all things.*" That began at the Book of Acts and went to the end of Revelation. "*There is more yet to say, and I will teach you that through the Holy Spirit.*" This is a promise of verbal inspiration, of divine accuracy. This is the promise that when I pick up this Bible and read it, I can be confident that it is accurate, because Jesus promised me it would be. Jesus promised me that this would be recorded from the mind of the Holy Spirit, Who is called the Spirit of Truth. This is the truth. So we find the twofold promise: that the apostles would remember former things and teach new things. The apostle Paul gives testimony to that: "*if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery,*" Eph 3:2-3, in other words, "*if you have heard about my ministry, if you're heard about what God's called me to do, how that, by revelation, He made known unto me the mystery...which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets,*" Eph 3:2-3, 5. Paul was saying, "*All the mysteries that God had never revealed to the Old Testament writers have been given to me by revelation of God—they are from the Holy Spirit, Who is called the Spirit of truth.*" So, Paul said, "*You can trust everything I write.*" Jesus had said, "*You can trust everything that I'm going to bring to your remembrance.*" God inspired the apostle to speak the truth and remember the words of Jesus with absolute accuracy. When they taught new truth, God's Spirit gave them new revelation which they spoke and penned to constitute the New Testament. All this comes together to say to us that we have the truth—infallible, objective, Biblical truth. The combination of the reality and accuracy of the Bible and the living truth in the lives of people who have been given the Holy Spirit guarantees to us the knowledge and right application of the truth. A person would have to be a fool not to study the truth. It is the truth that blesses us. It is when we obey the truth that God is able to respond in blessing, Rm 2:8; 10:16-17; Gal 3:1; 2 Thes 1:8; 1 Pet 4:17. He gave us the proof of love, the hope of heaven, the guarantee of power, the assurance of supply, the gift of the Spirit, and the possession of divine truth. *Next week, the promise of peace is the seventh legacy from Jesus to us.



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Assembly Schedule

Sunday

Bible classes	9:00 am
Morning assembly	10:00 am
Afternoon assembly	1:30 pm

Wednesday

Bible classes	7:30 pm
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Sunday morning

- **adult Bible class**, Lesson 7, "A Member of the Body: the Disciple's Place," Kenny Boyd

- **Sermon**, "Sex Roles: Different but Equal," Jim Reingrover

Sunday afternoon

- **Lord's Supper, prayers, singing**

Wednesday night: Studies from

Ezekiel. Get materials for both Sunday and Wednesday adult classes from website under "Member Files."