

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: Parts 4-5, Supply & the Holy Spirit,

One of the most precious portions of scripture is John 13-16, when Jesus told His disciples that He was leaving them, but that He was giving them a legacy, the precious things of value that He wanted those disciples, and all of us, to have. We have looked at the first three of these ten treasured possessions: the proof of His love; the hope of heaven; and the guarantee of power.

The **fourth** of this legacy of Jesus is a super thrilling truth, **the assurance of supply**. The disciples, of course, had all their needs met by Jesus. They were sufficient because He was able to supply. And now the thought of His leaving was a terrible threat—how would they get their needs? Who would teach them? Who would give them what they needed to live? Who would shelter them? Who would clothe them? To whom would they go when they had a care, or a burden, or an anxiety, or a need, or they wanted something to happen? If they wanted to ask for anything—who would they go to, if Jesus wasn't there? Jesus gave them the assurance of supply, and this is so rich: *“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”* Jn

14:13-14. I call that the spiritual umbilical cord. Jesus spoke of this as abiding in the vine: *“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”* Jn 15:4-5. We must be connected to Him to bear fruit and glorify the Father, see 15:1-8. He sustains us for the long haul throughout our lives in Him. You and I, just like the apostles, are connected to Christ, Who just keeps pumping the life supply into us. He said, *“I'm going away, but you and I are going to have an intimate connection. Anything you ask in My name, I'll do it.”* What is that? That's prayer. We have never met Jesus, we've never physically seen Him. You may have talked to people who say they have. I talked to a man the other day who said Christ came up and talked with him and held his shoulder, but I don't relate well to that. I've never talked to Christ; never seen Him. But for all the days of my life since I became a Christian, He has supplied everything I've ever needed. *“My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches by Christ Jesus.”* Phil 4:19. God has supplied, through Christ, all my needs; he is supplying,

and continues to supply, and I see His hand working in my life.

I talk to Him and I pray with Him. He is alive to me. He's not in my world, and He doesn't come down and get what I need, and He doesn't physically run around, but He supplies my needs continually every day of my life. As a result of prayer, I'm involved in that process. *“Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do.”* Now, some people might say, “Oh, that's a pretty general deal there. What are the qualifications?” Let me show you. *“In My name.”* You say, “What does it mean to ask in Christ's name?” Some people say that it means to say at the end of each prayer, ‘In Jesus's name, amen,’ and then you get what you want. No—it does not mean that; that's what people simplify it to mean, but it doesn't work. To ask in His name means to ask consistent with His will, consistent with Who He is. It's to say, “This I ask because this is what I believe Jesus would want.” It means we pray in His person, by His authority and power, standing in His place, identified with Him, asking by the very virtue of our union with Him, so that He becomes the real petitioner. It means that we plead before God the merits of His
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“The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who was given to us,” Romans 5:5

beloved Son. It means that Jesus is the real receiver. It is to say, “Father, I pray in His name, insofar as I ask what He would want. I seek what He seeks. I promote what is on His heart, and I desire to give Him glory.” I’ve learned in my own prayers as I talk to the Lord to close my prayers by saying, “Lord, these are the things I ask, because I believe, as best I know it, that this is what Jesus would want.” That helps me to qualify my prayers. “This is what I feel Jesus would want.” And if it is His will, He will answer, “I’ll do it.”

Why? Have you ever wondered why we’re to pray? “In order that the Father may be glorified in the Son,” 14:13. Did you know that is why we are to pray? You may have thought prayer was to get what we want. No! The purpose of prayer is to glorify God. When we and others see our prayers answered, we glorify Him for His great power and care for us. We are to pray in order that God might act, in order that He might be glorified. You might think of a man in assembly saying, “Bob came to Christ, and I’m so thrilled!” Then another man says, “Praise the Lord, Bob came to Christ.” But another man sits in the corner and says, indifferently, “Oh, um-hmm.” What’s the difference in the two men who heard the news? The difference is that one was praying fervently for Bob’s salvation, and he was really involved. The other man didn’t pray about it, so when it came to pass, it didn’t really affect him. God may go ahead and do the same things He is going to do anyway, whether you pray about them or not. But if you pray about them, you will get in on His answer, you will be involved, and then you will glorify Him, because you will see it as a direct answer to prayer. God wants to be glorified. He wants you to pray in order to see Him work, to know what He is accomplishing, and then to glorify Him. Prayer isn’t for you to get

what you want. And prayer isn’t to change God from doing what He is going to do anyway. Prayer is to give God the opportunity to show Himself, so that you can praise Him for what He is doing, 2 Cor 9:10, 12, 15.

So Jesus gave us the promise of supply. What do you think the person without Christ does when He has needs? Where does he go? What do you and I do? We say, “Father, I have a need. Here it is.” How fantastic to have Christ’s assurance that He will meet our every need! It’s like having a blank check on the Bank of Heaven. Fantastic! This is a wonderful legacy. Our dear Lord left us the proof of His love, the hope of heaven, the guarantee of power, and the assurance of supply.

The **fifth legacy** Jesus gave is the **gift of the Holy Spirit.** “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, that He may abide with you forever,” Jn 14:16. “I will pray the Father.” I love that. You know why? Because that is such a beautiful picture of the submission of Christ in His incarnation. “I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.” This may be the greatest legacy of all to some of us: a supernatural Helper. The word “Comforter,” *paraklētos* in Greek, *klētos* from *kaleō*, which means to call, and *para*, which means alongside—to call alongside. A comforter is somebody called alongside to help; a supernatural Helper. Jesus said, “I’m leaving, but in My absence, I am giving you a Holy Helper Who will stay with you all the time.” Thrilling! Notice the word “another.” Two Greek words could be translated by the English word another, *allos* and *heteros*. *Heteros* is used to speak of another of a different kind; *allos* speaks of another of the exact same kind; the word used here is *allos*. “I will send you another of the exact, identical kind as Myself.” Isn’t that beautiful?

Do you know Who the Holy Spirit is? Paul and Peter called Him the Spirit of Christ, Rm 8:9; 1 Pet 1:11. Jesus said, “I’m going to go, but I’m going to send you one exactly like Myself,” a perfect substitute for the familiar presence of Jesus for those disciples, “and He will be your supernatural Helper.” Do you realize what it is to possess the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit in your life? Jesus then added, “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you,” 14:17. The apostles would have this, but the world would not. This is something superhuman. This is beyond the norm of human existence, and “the world can’t receive Him, because it doesn’t see Him.” That is, it has no way to perceive Him spiritually, “neither does it know Him or experience Him. But you know Him, for He lives and abides with you and shall be in you.” What a promise, that the supernatural Helper, Who had been with them, would come and live in them.

Now, why did He add that part about the world not perceiving? It was important to add that, because it would have been easy for them to get excited, overanxious and think, “Well, the Holy Spirit’s going to come gangbusters. We’re going to go out there and blitz the world, and they’re going to fall.” But Jesus wanted to remind them that the world wouldn’t perceive the Holy Spirit any better than it had perceived Jesus. Opposition to the truth wasn’t going to change, but the apostles would have a supernatural Helper. He would be in them. When we stop to think that God lives in us, as Paul said, that this temple is the dwelling of the Holy Spirit, not just the personality of this man, cf. 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19, it is an awesome reality. So the Holy Spirit was given as Christ’s legacy. He promised them not only that the Holy Spirit would live in them, but one step

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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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 further with the ministry of the Holy Spirit. “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is better for you that I go away,” Jn 16:7. It was more to their advantage that He go, “for if I don’t go, the Comforter will not come. But if I depart, I will send Him unto you.” It was as if the Father gave the Holy Spirit as a reward for the finished work of Christ. So Christ said, “If I finish my work, the Father will send the Comforter, and that’s better. You’re better off having the Holy Spirit living in you than having Me living around you and among you. You’re better off in terms of the potentiality to have the Spirit of God dwelling within you than you are to have Me here physically, because then you don’t have to worry about running to be with Me. He will be with you.” And further, “When He has come, He will convict [or convince or reprove] the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment,” Jn 16:8. The Holy Spirit of God is at work when I preach, when I share Christ. He’s also at work in the life of the person I’m trying to reach. He is empowering me, and He’s convicting them. What does He convict them of? First, “Of sin, because they believe not on Me”—the sin of rejecting Christ, 16:9; second, “of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more,” 16:10. In other words, when Christ arose and then ascended to the Father, God was stating, proclaiming that Jesus was righteous, that He had done His work and fulfilled His work, and that He was to be exalted, cf. Rm 1:4. So the Holy Spirit not only convicts of the sin of rejecting Christ, but convinces of the fact that Christ is righteous—the source of righteousness and the standard of righteousness.

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Discipleship Here At Home

4th Quarter Sunday Afternoon Schedule

- 11/23 - Questions answered*
- 11/30 - Singing
- 12/7 - Living Like Christ class
- 12/14 - Living Like Christ class
- 12/21 - Questions answered*
- 12/28 - Singing

* Please submit any questions you have about scripture, religion, or any other spiritual matters to DeWayne Howell for discussion and answers.

Rejoice The **Cliff Cox** family has decided to work and worship with the Westside church. Contact: 18877 E. Linvale Pl, Aurora 80013 **Cliff**, 615-916-0623; **Orchid**, 615-957-6096 cliffcox@icloud.com **Kindred (KJ)**, 9/13/98; **Levi**, 7/22/02; **Janell (Nellie)**, 5/6/04

“What exactly, may I ask, IS God’s business? Is not God’s business the redemption of this world? Yes, it is. And does not the redemption of this world include our businesses, our families, our endeavors, our cultural efforts, our finances, etc.? It isn’t His side business, either. He is in the universe business, because after the fall He covenanted to redeem the universe and restore it to Himself. He is doing this in history, and in this glorious process He has tasked us to work, maximize human dignity, chase our passions and dreams, provide for ourselves and our families, and expand the resources He has given us. The creation mandate is a mandate of growth, and few earthly venues provide more of a canvas for growth than our businesses. God’s business is our business, and our business is God’s business. We do not need to tier, prioritize, segment, or belittle anything. We need to work hard, live well, and in so doing, do the business of God.”
 —David Bahnsen

The Charlotte Lozier Institute is providing info so you can check whether a health insurance plan covers elective abortion. See www.ObamacareAbortion.com There are over 1036 plans that cover abortion on demand. Colorado has not opted out of abortion coverage, so you will have to use extra caution; of 98 plans offered, 25 have abortion coverage. Enrollment is 11/15/14 to 2/15/15. **Friends don’t let friends subsidize abortion.**

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

- **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 with 14 pins & plate; homebound till Dec; see **Judy Sartin** to co-ordinate meals
 - **Virginia Menard**—ankle injury; knee pain
 - **Sylvia Chapman**, **Brett**’s grandmother—third stage pancreatic cancer; chemo
 - **Giles Free**—seizure from fall; confined at home
 - **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 Walkers are out of town until tonight.

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

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ness. Third, He convicts “of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged,” 16:11. In other words, all the Holy Spirit need do is to say, “Look what happened to Satan, look at His judgment—what makes you think you’re going to get away with sin if he didn’t?” The Holy Spirit convicts. Thus, Jesus said, “I will send you My Holy Spirit, and He’ll live in you, and He’ll work on them.” What a wondrous promise! The Spirit fulfills this promise. He works in the unbeliever.

In his book Holy War, John Bunyan showed a city called Mansoul. Mansoul represented the redeemed people. Emmanuel came and redeemed Mansoul. But Mansoul had a rebellion and took Mr. Conscience. Mr. Conscience had a job in the city. His job was to ring the bell, and he was always ringing the bell. Every time something went wrong, *bong*, came the bell. So when the revolt happened, they locked Mr. Conscience in his house and barred the windows. They cut the rope to the bell. You know what happened? John Bunyan wrote that no matter how they locked him in, in spite of everything, he somehow escaped and rang the bell. That is how it is in our lives, in the lives of unregenerate people. We try to lock up conscience, but somehow, somehow, the Spirit of God unlocks Mr. Conscience, and he rings his bell. That’s conviction.

So the Holy Spirit is at work. What a promise! Think of it. Jesus left us the proof of His love, the hope of Heaven, the guarantee of power, the assurance of supply, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. When I stop to think of the fact that He showed me the proof of His love, it makes me want to love Him in return. It makes me want to love Him back. He said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments,” 14:15. And when I stop to think that He gave me the hope of heaven and said, “You’re already a citizen. MacArthur, and I’m working on your place,” I say to myself, “I should live like a kingdom citizen, shouldn’t I? I should have some that heavenly activity going on in my earthly world. I ought to act like a citizen of the kingdom.” And when He has guaranteed me power, I ought to be bold enough to go out there and put Him to the test, don’t you think? And when He says, “I’ve given you the assurance of supply,” I ought to spend some time on my knees, because there are many things that Jesus wants, and many things I could be in on, so that I can give Him glory. And when I realize that He’s given me the gift of the Holy Spirit, there are three things I don’t want to do. I don’t want to lie to the Spirit, Ax 5:3, I don’t want to grieve the Spirit, Eph 4:30, and I don’t want to quench the Spirit, 1 Thes 5:19, and there are two things I do want to do, I want to yield to the Spirit, 2 Chr 30:8, and be led by Him, Rm 8:14; Gal 5:18. With that kind of legacy, how can Christians be anything less than conquerors in this world from the standpoint of effect, Rm 8:37? Our contentment is full in knowing what we have in Christ.

But this is just half of it. There are five more gifts of His legacy which we will explore in the coming weeks. *Lord, God, we thank You for showing us the importance of Your legacy. All these five gifts belong to us because You belong to us. We thank You that we have these things because we have You. Thank You for what You’ve given to us. Thank You for the inheritance that we have. We are not worthy children on our own, but in Your grace You made us worthy. We want to walk worthy of what You’ve made us and honor You for the legacy that You gave.*



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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 6, “A Child of God: the Disciple’s Security,” Kenny Boyd

- **Sermon**, “Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving,” Jim Reingrover

Sunday afternoon

- **Lord’s Supper**, questions answered by Larry Campbell

Wednesday night: Studies from Ezekiel.

Get materials for both Sunday and Wednesday adult classes from website under “Member Files.”