

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

33 Re-Think of Gospel

INTRODUCTION | Promise of the Holy Spirit

It is easy to consider the promises of God in the midst of real life very intangible. Here, in today's Scripture passage, God gives us a major promise. In the name of Jesus, that in receiving Him, the Holy Spirit is given also. Thus, by the Spirit, Jesus is with us and blesses us with new life.

SCRIPTURE | John 14:12-21

14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

QUESTIONS |

1: (13-14) What kind of promise does Jesus give to us. What kind of encouragement do we receive from this? "Ask in my name", what kind of request is this?

2: You can see Jesus' promise of guaranteeing whatever is asked for. Do you receive whatever you ask for? (ref 1 John 5:14-15)

3: (16-17) Jesus, in His prayer promises not only granting requests but also giving the Holy Spirit. How is the Spirit called, what kind of person is He? According to Christ, what kind of hope can you have in the Spirit?

4: (18) The Spirit united us to Christ in both His life and death and through this we receive all those good things which Christ has received. If there is something in particular now that the spirit is helping you with take some time to share with one another.

5: (12,15,21) In today's passage we learn of two promises. According to this promise, what kind of life are we lead to live?

6: (19-20) The promised Spirit was given to us on Pentecost. In receiving the Spirit, what encouragement, help and hope do we receive?

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REFERENCES |

John 5:14-15

14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

PRAYER |

-We can praise and bless the Lord for this great promise we have received. Share with each other certain things you are requesting in Jesus' name.

- We should repent for those things which we are not bringing to the Lord in prayer by the Spirit. What has caused this? If there is a reason you have not received this promise, pray that the Lord would open your heart.

UPCOMING EVENTS | This Week & Next Week

- 1) Gospel Choir (14th)
- 2) Lunchtime meeting (Akasaka 15th, Kasumigaseki 16th, Otemachi 17th)
- 3) Family BBQ (19th)
- 4) Worship Location change Nihonbashi Hamacho F-tower (20th)
- 5) lunchtime meeting (Otemachi 24th, Marunouchi 30th)
- 6) Worship Location change Nihonbashi Hamacho F-tower (27th)