

Titedios

John 14:1-3

Life Group Discussion – November 25th, 2018

This passage is during Jesus' last night with his disciples. He had the last supper, he washed their feet, and he told them that there would be one who would betray Him. The disciples had gone through much with Jesus, and they were going to experience hardships in their futures. But Jesus tells them to not worry, but to have peace.

In the early church, there was a man who put the word, "Titedios" in front of his name. Titedios means to not worry. This is a nickname that many Christians would put in front of their name to identify themselves as followers of Christ. Paul would be called "Titedios Paul" or Timothy would be called "Titedios Timothy." The reason Christians would do this is to show that when they believe in Jesus, there is no circumstance that can shake their peace.

Then why are there people who do not have peace?

1. Because they do not have faith

When we have Jesus Christ as our savior, which means we believe everything that is said in the Bible. And if we have hope for the future and the belief that He is in control of everything in our lives, good and bad, then there is no room to worry.

2. Because we want to trust in what's in front of us

The reason the disciples were afraid was because they only saw what was right in front of them. They were not thinking of the future or the words that Jesus had promised, they only saw the difficulties of what they were going to face. In order for us to change into people of faith, we need to change the way we think. We must stop looking at just our situations and look toward the future of what God has promised us.

3. Because the future is unclear

The reason we have uncertainty is because we can't see into the future. But Jesus promised the disciples hope for the future, and He knows exactly what's going to happen to us down the road. But most importantly, He knows what is going to happen to us in the great unknown, when we have passed from this life.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go

and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:1-3)

Jesus is talking about Heaven. There is nothing in this world that is of greater comfort than our knowledge that we are going to Heaven after we die. Even in the midst of all the bad things that are going around us, we can have hope because we know what will happen to us at the end.

So how should we live?

1. Live simply

Look upon your spiritual life and think simply. We can always make excuses and make small compromises when we think too much or too heavily on what we are going through. We can always make excuses for ourselves. But it is more important to have a clear goal in mind, and go after it. Take it one step at a time; go to Early Morning Service, read one chapter a day, pray 10 minutes every morning. Do not make excuses but think and live simply.

2. Praying continuously

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (John 14:13-14)

Jesus promised that if we pray in His name, He will answer. We become strong and courageous through prayer, and we as His followers need to live as people who pray at all times. This is the only way we will fully depend on Him rather than this world.

3. Relying on the Holy Spirit

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (John 14:16-18)

If you do not have God, you do not have the Holy Spirit. It is our desire and hope that we are filled by the Holy Spirit, so that He can move powerfully in our lives.

SHARING-----

1. The disciples were promised peace because Jesus promised them heaven. How does this affect your life? In what ways does this change the way you think about your present or your future?
2. Would you have confidence putting the word "Titedios" in front of your name? Why or why not?