



BIBLE STUDY for TRINITY SUNDAY



Focus text: John 16: 12-15

Married couples or people in a relationship can develop such a deep understanding of each other that others may refer to them as a perfect match. Jesus and God the Father are one in the sense that they work in perfect unison and harmony together, their objective being that people will know and experience the love of God. They were one in their plans and purpose for humanity and the whole created order. They were one in nature and method and we can claim to the fact that God has stepped into human history in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus was so perfectly one with the Father that we see the face of God in Jesus and we cannot but agree with the Apostle Paul when he says, “He is the image of the invisible God”. Jesus reveals our mysterious God to us.

Because Jesus was so at one with God, He knew many things and He had done many things, God Himself was working through Him and His actions. Every action of Jesus was an action of God.

Spiritual activities and the spreading of the Gospel are for ordinary people – ordinary men and women like you and me. When we allow ourselves to be instruments in the hands of God, the Holy Spirit equips us for the tasks we need to perform. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would not speak on His own; He would speak what He heard and would tell the disciples what was yet to come. The desire of Jesus was that His disciples should be one with Him also. He wanted His disciples to be reconciled to God so that they would understand His purposes and plans and promote His cause. As they became vessels for God, They would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would be their Teacher and guide them into all truth. Their lives would be shaped and fashioned as God worked through them.

The work that the disciples needed to do was not just to develop an awareness of the presence of God but the people were to repent of their sins, turn to Jesus and believe in Him. It was only in Jesus that they would find meaning for their lives and hope in the future. This is God’s way. God uses human beings, fragile as we are. We are like pottery, fragile and as human beings we break easily. Still God uses us as we open our lives to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

The work that the disciples needed to do for God would not be an easy task. It meant forsaking that which was comfortable and secure in their lives and, with belief and conviction, making the Gospel known across the world. It would be a hard and difficult task to get people to act in accordance with God’s will and love. But God, in His great wisdom, would strengthen their resolve to face up confidently to these challenges. The disciples would be able to cope with the many problems they would encounter. The suffering and difficult times should not threaten their peace with God. Peace with God brings with it a deep sense of being right with God. It creates inner harmony within us.

Much would be accomplished through the faith and hard work of the disciples. Their characters would be formed and shaped through their perseverance but they could not claim that they had done it all. The good qualities that would be produced in them would be the result of the working of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Therefore God must be given all the glory in everything we do and accomplish.

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*Gracious God, the earth is full of the glory of your love,
before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time
you are the Triune God: the Author of creation,
the eternal Word of salvation, and the life-giving Spirit of wisdom.
Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ revealed
and rejoice in the glory he shared with us.*