

Community Group Homework Sheet



Our weekly homework is meant to help you to go deeper into the passage/topic from Sunday, and to prepare you for the discussion at your Community Group. Please take a few minutes to respond to each of the questions.

Quick Review: John 14:18-31

Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

My Life:

1. Jesus sought to comfort the troubled hearts of His disciples in John 14. What do you do to calm yourself when you feel troubled, anxious, worried, or stressed?

Digging Deeper:

In John 14:21, Jesus describes something of what the Christian life would be like after the resurrection and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:21 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.”

Our relationship with God involves the love and work of all three persons on the Trinity. (The “manifest” part of John 14:21 references the work of the Holy Spirit.) Other New Testament writers understood the Christian life in thoroughly Trinitarian ways as well.

1. Read the following passages. What do we learn about the work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in each? Write your observations in the space provided. Explore the context of each passage for further insights.

1 Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father**, in the sanctification of the **Spirit**, for obedience to **Jesus Christ** and for sprinkling with **his** blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

1 Corinthians 12:4–6 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same **Spirit**; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same **Lord** [a reference to Jesus]; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same **God** [a reference to the Father] who empowers them all in everyone.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ** and the love of **God [the Father]** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you all.

“In general, the work of the Holy Spirit seems to be to bring to completion the work that has been planned by God the Father and begun by God the Son.” - Wayne Grudem

Father: _____

Son: _____

Holy Spirit: _____

Christ's said that He was leaving His peace with the disciples in John 14:27. There are multiple aspects to this peace.

“The result of this is that the Christian no longer lives under the fear of judgment and the wrath of God but has peace with God, which is not merely a subjective feeling but an objective reality.” (ESV Study Bible).

First, Peace with God through justification:

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. This peace is the result of being “justified by faith”. What then is the opposite of this kind of peace? what would you say the opposite of “peace with God” in this sense is?

Second, Peace with one another in Christ:

Colossians 3:12–15 Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And **let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, to which indeed you were called in **one body**. And be thankful.

Finally, An inner sense of blessing and wellbeing:

Paul, in Philippians 4:4-7, gives us an insight into how we can more fully experience the peace that Christ gave us.

Philippians 4:4–7 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

3. What activity does he connect the experience of God’s peace with?
4. What does it mean to have our “hearts” and “minds” guarded in Christ Jesus?

Taking it Home:

1. Looking back at this week’s teaching and study, what’s most important for you to remember and why?