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A Renewed Rest

John 20:19-23

I. Jesus Gave His Disciples Peace (vv. 19-21)

A. God's peace brings us _____ (v. 19)
[Lk. 24:33-36; Rom. 5:1; Phil. 4:7]

B. God's peace helps us see the value of our _____ (v. 20)
[Rev. 5:5-6; Rom. 6:5]

C. God's peace motivates us into _____ (v. 21)
[2 Cor. 5:20; Jn. 17:18]

II. Jesus Gave His Disciples the Promise of the Holy Spirit (v. 22)

A. The Holy Spirit permanently _____ the believer
(Ezek. 36:26-27; Jn. 14:16-17, 26; 1 Cor. 6:19-20)

B. The Holy Spirit _____ the believer
(Lk. 24:49; Acts 1:8; 4:33)

C. The Holy Spirit _____ spiritual gifts to the believer
(1 Cor. 12:4-11)

III. Jesus Gave His Disciples the Power to Proclaim Forgiveness (v. 23)

A. The church does not have the authority to _____ sin
(Dan. 9:9; Psa. 32:5; Mk. 2:7; Jn. 8:24; Heb. 10:26-27; 1 Jn. 1:9)

B. The church does have the responsibility to _____ with sin
(Matt. 16:18-19; 18:15-18; 1 Cor. 5:13; Rom. 16:17; 2 Jn. 1:10;
2 Thess. 3:6, 14)

4 Steps of Church Discipline

1. Lovingly confront your brother in private
2. Take one or two others with you
3. Tell it to the church
4. Let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector

3 Reasons for Church Discipline

1. **Moral** reasons (1 Cor. 5:13)
2. **Doctrinal** reasons (Rom. 16:17; 2 Jn. 1:10)
3. **Behavioral** reasons (2 Th. 3:6)

TAKE HOME

- Do you see how the scars in your life can **lead** you to the peace that only Jesus can give?
- Has the indwelling of the Holy Spirit given you **victory** in every area of your life?
- Why can't the church **absolve** sins? How should the church **deal** with sin?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placritachurch.com.

1. Read John 20:19. Why were the disciples afraid? How did Jesus bring them comfort? How does Jesus bring you peace today? (Lk. 24:33-36; Rom. 5:1; Phil. 4:7)

2. Read John 20:20. Why was it important for Jesus to show the disciples the scars? Will Jesus have scars for all eternity? How does knowing this help us? (Rev. 5:5-6; Rom. 6:5)

3. Read John 20:21. How does God’s peace motivate you to reach the culture around you? (2 Cor. 5:20; Jn. 17:18)

4. Read John 20:22. What is the difference in how the Holy Spirit worked in the Old Covenant and how He works in the New Covenant? (Ezek. 36:26-27; Jn. 14:16-17, 26; 1 Cor. 6:19-20)

5. Read John 20:23. What is this verse saying? How could people get confused about it? (Dan. 9:9; Psa. 32:5; Mk. 2:7; Jn. 8:24; Heb. 10:26-27; 1 Jn. 1:9)

6. What is the church’s responsibility in church discipline? Describe the process. Why do you think many churches don’t practice church discipline today? (Matt. 18:15-18)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently based on what you learned from this passage?

*“‘Peace’ and not blame,—‘peace’ and not fault-finding,
‘peace’ and not rebuke,—was the first word which this little company heard
from their Master’s lips after He left the tomb.”*

- J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*