

CONSOLATION SIX: THE MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - v25,26. The Holy Spirit should be held in highest esteem. (1) He is the Saints' Comforter. (2) He is the Father's commissioned Representative - sent by the Father. (3) He is the Saints' Teacher. "He shall teach you all things". (4) He is the Saints' Remembrancer. "Bring all things to your remembrance". (5) He is the Saviour's Expositor. In "whatsoever I have said unto you". Concerning more of His work, read John 15:26; 16:7-13. Without His ministry Christ would never be revealed nor understood. The Spirit possesses the two-fold approval and authority of the Father and the Son. WE CAN DEPEND UPON HIM! BLESSED CONSOLATION!

CONSOLATION SEVEN: THE SAVIOUR'S LEGACY OF PEACE FOR ALL CIRCUMSTANCES - v27. (1) It is the Peace of Contentment in all our circumstances. This peace the world can never learn, nor give us. Unrest and discontentment prevail amongst men today. Only ONE MAN has appeared on earth Who never needed to search for peace! From the beginning of HIS life to the end - HE POSSESSED IT! He was never rebellious, never ruffled, never fretting over His external circumstances or the privations which He endured. The reproaches He encountered, the sufferings He bore and even the death that He died, never disturbed HIS PEACE! In the midst of it all He had "perfect peace" (Isa. 26:3). This same peace He has bequeathed to all of His own. He gives it generously, sincerely and permanently. This legacy the Saviour has given us to sustain us in the midst of all our trials. It is not merely a peace that He can impart but a peace which HE HIMSELF POSSESSED! - "MY PEACE". IS IT OURS TODAY? BLESSED CONSOLATION!

THE PURPOSE OF THESE SEVEN CONSOLATIONS: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid". Our blessed Lord unfolds these great consolations from His own loving heart to the hearts of His followers, to strengthen them in view of His departure out of this world to the Father and to sustain His own until He comes back! Is there trouble? Is there sadness of heart? Is there discouragement? Whatever our lot, His consolations of love will see us through to the end! May we appropriate them today!

"Great legacy He left His own -  
Twas left to them, to them alone -  
The peace which He Himself had known.

This peace would keep us every day -  
'Midst all the world's distracted fray;  
We may possess it now - ALWAYS.

No effort brings it to our door;  
Nor need we for its wealth implore;  
'Tis ours: exhaustless in its store.

How comes it? Well - "MY PEACE I GIVE"  
'Tis ours as we His Word believe;  
It keeps - as we its wealth receive"

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When the consolations were finished the Saviour said - "Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. IF YOU LOVED ME, YOU WOULD REJOICE, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I" - v28. Let us LOVE HIM; let us REJOICE that He is with the Father and enjoy His consolations until He returns! He is at HOME - with HIS FATHER; and WE SHALL BE THERE VERY SOON!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

