

John 14:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Analysis

Jesus identifies the Comforter: 'But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name' (ho de parakletos, to pneuma to hagion, ho pempsēi ho pater en to onomati mou). The Father sends the Spirit 'in Jesus' name' - meaning by Jesus' authority and to glorify Him. The Spirit's ministry follows: 'he shall teach you all things' (ekeinos didaxei hymas panta). The pronoun ekeinos (that one) emphasizes the Spirit as personal agent, not mere force. The comprehensive panta (all things) indicates complete instruction in truth. The Spirit will also 'bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you' (hypomneses hymas panta ha eipon hymin). The verb hypomimnesko means to remind, to bring to mind. This promise assured apostles that the Spirit would enable accurate transmission of Jesus' teaching - foundational for New Testament formation.

Historical Context

This verse provided crucial foundation for apostolic authority and New Testament canonization. The Spirit's promise to remind disciples of Jesus' words assured the church that apostolic testimony was reliable. Early church debates about which writings were authoritative appealed to apostolic authorship authenticated by Spirit-inspiration. Church Fathers distinguished apostolic teaching from later

speculations based on this verse. Pentecost's gift of tongues (Acts 2) demonstrated Spirit-empowerment for witness. Throughout church history, this verse has validated Spirit-illumination while preventing subjective individualism - the Spirit does not contradict but illuminates Christ's revelation. Reformation sola scriptura relied on this: Scripture is sufficient because Spirit-inspired and Spirit-illuminated. Modern debates about ongoing revelation must account for this verse - the Spirit's teaching brings to remembrance Christ's words rather than adding new revelation independent of Scripture.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the Spirit's teaching and reminding ministry relate to Scripture's authority and sufficiency?
2. What is the difference between the Spirit reminding the apostles and the Spirit teaching believers today?

Interlinear Text

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G3588 But the Comforter G3588 Ghost G3588 which is the Holy G40 whatsoever
G1161 G3875 G4151 G40 G3739

πέμψει ὁ πατὴρ ἐν τῷ ὄνόματί μου ἐκεῖνος ὑμᾶς
will send G3588 the Father in G3588 name G3686 my G3450 he G1565 you G5209
G3992 G3962 G1722 G3686 G3450 G1565 G5209

διδάξει πάντα καὶ ὑπομνήσει ὑμᾶς πάντα ἀ
shall teach all things and bring you all things whatsoever
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εἰπον ὑμῖν
I have said unto you
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Additional Cross-References

John 15:26 (Spirit): But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 14:16 (Parallel theme): And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

1 John 2:27 (Parallel theme): But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

John 16:7 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

1 John 2:20 (Holy): But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (Holy): What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Acts 2:33 (Holy): Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Romans 15:13 (Holy): Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

John 2:22 (Parallel theme): When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Isaiah 54:13 (Parallel theme): And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.