

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

After the Resurrection - III

Three things Jesus left us

John 20:19-23

- 1) **His Peace – John 20:19 & 21**
- 2) **His Restoration – John 20:23 (21:15-22)**
- 3) **His Assignment – John 20:21 & 22**

His Assignment

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Any of you who are employed (of ever have been) ...

*What is, or was your assignment? **You are assigned responsibilities** by your employer*

If you've been the employer, you know about this

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*When I was a salesman my job was to **make boxes leave warehouses***

*As a beer salesman I had **others assignments** to make that happen:*

- *I had to **get the product in position** for retail purchase*
- *I had to **influence customers to buy** my product instead of others*

*I had to **keep my assignment in mind** every day*

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*Did your parent, or anyone else in authority, ever **honor you by sending you to represent them personally?***

***What a privilege** to be entrusted to do that*

I always wanted whoever sent me to be pleased I had represented them well.

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John 20:21 & 22

"Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

This is not the first time they've heard Him say that.

*Thursday night they heard Him pray in the garden, **"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world."***

He prays for us before He sends us

- *But I have prayed for you, (Luke 22:31-32)*
- *He ever lives to intercede for us, (Heb. 7:25)*

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I admit I switched the order of these three things...

*Because we'll follow them with some focus on **The Holy Spirit:***

- **Who** He is
- **What** He does
- **How** He does it

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*So, **what is Jesus' assignment?***

*Because He has now honored us by **entrusting us with it***

What do we live each day knowing we've been sent to do?

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John 1:18 – reveal God by how He lived

Acts 1:8 – reveal Jesus by how we live, wherever we live

I John 4:17 – represent who He is by being like Him

That's our assignment – **how** we are to live, and **why**

He **put God's love on display**, openly. We're sent to follow Him

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All three things He left us...

His peace, restoration & assignment are interdependent

- They all happen **on purpose**
- None can happen **as they should** alone

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His first disciples knew that **receiving The Holy Spirit** included these three responsibilities

It's still a package deal

None can be received and carried out without all three

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His Spirit empowers us with:

- **His** own security with The Father
- **His** restoration with others
- **His** demonstration of what real life is

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To do our part with confidence we need to...

Receive His Holy Spirit

- In every circumstance
- With whoever we're with
- Every day we're alive
- On purpose

The calling remains

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NEXT: Receiving The Holy Spirit