***John 14:26-27 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.***

Isn’t it exciting to know that, when we have found Jesus, when we have heard His word and come to believe in Him, it is because God, Himself, drew us to His Son? Isn’t it hopeful to know that God knew the real me, the real you, so well that while were yet still sinners He saw fit to place a yearning in our spirit to know His Son. Over the last two weeks, we’ve learned that God draws us to the Son, that God teaches us. We learned that the no one can come to the Father but by the Son and the Son teaches us. Now, this morning, we see clearly that the Holy Spirit, which God sends, in the name of His Son, teaches us as well. Isn’t it wonderful to know that God looks upon our imperfect lives and sees someone worth teaching? This must give us great Joy this morning! This world may be wasting away, heartache around every corner, uncertainty at every stop sign, but God is still drawing believers to His Son and the Holy Spirit is still teaching. That must get us Praising this morning.

Verse 26 starts - *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name.* Jesus gives us an assurance here. God will send, not just a helper, but THE Helper. Who is this Helper? The Holy Spirit. Up in John 14:16, we see that Jesus prays to the Father for this Helper. *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.* God sends this Helper, but, in order for Jesus to pray for the Helper, we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Know Jesus? Without Jesus, there is no Helper. Once the Helper comes, He will abide with us… Forever. That must bring us unshakable Peace.

John 14:17 says that the Helper is the Spirit of Truth. We know that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, now we see that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. So, we are not surprised at all when verse 26 from our scripture this morning ends with these words - *He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.* It makes complete sense that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, sent by God, will teach and remind us of the things our Savior, The Truth become flesh, said. The Spirit of Truth is pointing us back to the Son. Can you feel the net drawing shut around us? The circle drawing in at the edges. The Trinity – Father, Son, Holy Ghost – testify, affirm, and point to One Another so we can be certain, we can know the Truth and the Truth will set us free… True Freedom, true Peace. Of course, the Helper can only bring to our remembrance that which we’ve learned from our only textbook of Truth - the Bible, God’s Holy Word, where we find the things that Jesus said to us.

Verse 27 starts - *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.* We need Peace as we have never needed it before. This Peace will never be found in the world… why? Well, John 14:17 gives us that answer - *the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him.* The world cannot provide the Peace of Jesus because it cannot receive the Peace of Jesus. Look to the only Source of Peace. Jesus says – My Peace I give, not as the world gives. This world will never give what it does not possess. We must stop looking there – it only multiplies our troubles and fears.

Verse 27 finishes - *Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.* Honestly, that can be hard in this world that knows no truth, that cannot see Jesus. Maybe everyone here has a heart that is never troubled and never afraid, but I’ll admit sometimes I am. Then, the Holy Spirit brings Truth to my mind and reminds me what Jesus said in verse 17 *but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*And my heart swells with Joy when I recall John 14:18*I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.* He is with me, He is with you, we are no longer afraid – we are assured.

This week, let’s be peaceful, not looking to the world for peace, but looking to the One that overcame the world and gives us His Peace. God has drawn us to Jesus. The Helper reminds us of Jesus. All teach us of the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Let us place our steady focus the One that never forsakes us, eases our troubles, calms our seas, leaves us His Peace. We will never find peace looking toward the world. We’ll only find trial and tribulation when we look the wrong direction. Let us instead Rejoice because Jesus went to the Father, He stands as our High Priest, He intercedes on our behalf, He prays the Helper, so that one day, when we leave this world, we will find ourselves where He is.

If you have never received Jesus, today is that day… Let November 6th be the day you received eternal life.