



Sunday, April 19, 2020

MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

John 13 closes with the disciples in despair. Here in the first half of John 14 we see Christ’s message of COMFORT followed by Christ’s message about the COMFORTER in the second half of the chapter.

I. Jesus’ Message of Comfort (John 14:1-14)

We begin with His message of comfort as He ministers to the trouble heart. Jesus’ MESSAGE OF COMFORT for the TROUBLED HEART is a challenge to believe in Him. His message calls for to RESPOND TO HIS PLEA while RESTING IN HIS PROMISES. He desires that we would enjoy a relationship with Him and RELY UPON HIS PROVISION of the only way to heaven.

A. Jesus’ Ministers to the Troubled Heart (John 14:1-6)

John 14:1a “Let not [*Do not let*] your heart be troubled [*with fearful doubt*]: ...

1. Responding to Christ's Plea brings comfort (1b)

John 14:1b ...ye believe in **God**, believe also in **Me**.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto **Me**, all ye that labour [*who feel beaten down by life*] and are heavy laden [*being burdened down by all the cares and fears of your life*], and I will give you rest.

2. Resting in Christ's Promises bring comfort (2-3)

John 14:2 In **My Father's** house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

a. His promise contains a plan (2b)

b. He promises includes His presence (3)

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto **Myself**; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Notice the emphasis here is on the person of Jesus Christ—you will be with Me!

Consider Christ's desire for us to be with Him (John 17:24).

3. Relying on Christ's Provision brings comfort (4-6)

John 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

John 14:5 Thomas saith unto **Him**, "**Lord**, we know not whither **Thou** goest; and how can we know the way?"

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, “**I AM** the **Way**, the **Truth**, and the **Life**: no man cometh unto the **Father**, but by **Me**.

“Jesus saith unto him, **I AM...**” – Again, Christ refers to Himself as “**I AM**.” He has stated, “**I AM the bread of life**” ([Joh 6:35](#)), “**the living bread**” ([Joh 6:51](#)), “**I AM the Light of the world**” ([Joh 8:12](#); [Joh 9:5](#)), “**Before Abraham was, I AM**” ([Joh 8:58](#)), “**I AM the door**” ([Joh 10:7](#)), “**I AM the Good Shepherd**” ([Joh 10:11](#)), “**I AM the Son of God**” ([Joh 10:36](#)), “**I AM the resurrection and the life**” ([Joh 11:25](#)).

a. How can I be saved? — “**I AM the WAY**”

John 10:9 **I AM** the door: by **Me** if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

b. How can I be sure? — “**I AM the TRUTH**”

c. How can I be satisfied? — “**I AM the LIFE**”

John 10:10 ...“**I AM** come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly [*overflowing*].

John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, “**I AM** the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in **Me**, though he were dead, yet shall he live: **26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in **Me** shall never die. Believest thou this?”



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What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must I demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will I most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!