



Sunday, April 26, 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)

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

Jesus’ MESSAGE OF COMFORT for the TROUBLED HEART is a challenge to believe in Him. His message calls for us 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 as the only way to heaven.

B. Jesus Motivates a **Triumphant** Heart (John 14:7-14)

Christ continues His message of comfort as He seeks to encourage His disciples to move from a *troubled* heart to a *triumphant* heart. The emphasis of His message here in v. 7-14 is on His deity—Who God is. The greatest comfort to a troubled heart is knowing God more fully. This leads to triumphant Christian living.

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that **Jesus** is the **Christ**, the **Son of God**; and that believing ye might have life through **His** name.

This word, “*believed*” speaks of being firmly persuaded as to something.

Believing is seeing. Throughout the book of John, the Apostle emphasizes seeing the

sign and believing more than just the physical. The signs emphasize a spiritual truth. The evidence proved to John that Jesus was God and that He the Messiah sent to save the world from the penalty of sin.

1. The triumph in knowing His **Person** (John 14:7-11)

a. Philip's **Request**—"Let us **see**!" (John 14:8)

This is a request to SEE in order to more fully understand.

John 20:25 The other disciples therefore said unto him [*Thomas*], "We have seen the **Lord**." But he said unto them, "Except I shall see in **His** hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into **His** side, I will not believe."

i. The evidence he was **delivered** (John 20:25a)

ii. The evidence he **desired** (John 20:25b)

The testimony of the other disciples is that they have "*seen the Lord*." However confident they testified of what they had seen, Thomas remained unconvinced.

iii. The evidence he **demanded** (John 20:25c)

The word, "*print*" is an interesting word which literally speaks of a stamp or scar. It speaks of Christ being marked by the cross. Paul uses this same Greek word to describe the Christ-like example the Thessalonian saints were to those in "*Macedonia and Achaia*"(**1Th 1:7**), they were "*ensamples*".

1 Thessalonians 1:7 So that ye were **ensamples** to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

b. Jesus' **Response**—"Just **Believe**!" (John 14:9-11)

"...he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; ..." – This statement is a most profound truth. Consider what Jesus is saying here. He is simply saying, "I am God."

Hebrews 1:3 Who [*Jesus*] being the brightness of **His** glory, and the express image of His person, ...

Colossians 1:15 Who [*Jesus*] is the image of the invisible **God**, ...

Colossians 2:9 For in Him [*Jesus*] dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.

Jesus here is emphasizing the significance of His spiritual presence above His physical presence. Christ is laboring on our behalf making intercessions for us.

i. The Master ***discovered*** (John 20:26-27)

1) Christ's ***return*** (John 20:26)

Thomas' demand is met with a command

2) Christ's ***response*** (John 20:27)

There was a danger that Thomas was facing. In Hebrews 3:12-13 we see the warning against an evil heart of unbelief.

Hebrews 3:12 Take heed [*beware*], brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living **God**.

3) Thomas' ***Repentance*** (John 20:28)

ii. The message ***delivered*** (John 20:29-31)

1) Believing is ***seeing*** (John 20:29)

There is great blessing in believing—allowing our faith to become sight.

2) Believing is ***saving*** (John 20:30-31)

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that **Jesus** is the **Christ**, the **Son of God**; and that believing ye might have life through **His** name.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know **Thee** the only true **God**, and **Jesus Christ, Whom Thou** hast sent.



JESUS' MESSAGE OF COMFORT for a TRIUMPHANT HEART is rooted in the PERSON OF JESUS. A troubled heart turns triumphant by knowing and resting in the truth of Who Jesus is. It is simply responding in obedience to Jesus' command to believe the evidence that God has presented in His Word.

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!