



Sunday, May 24, 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)

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

In this message of comfort, Jesus ministers to the troubled heart by making a plea for His followers to believe the evidence—to have simple child-like faith.

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

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

*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 Christ has risen.

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**II. Jesus’ Message about the Comforter (John 14:15-31)**

Sustained comfort comes with continued dynamic faith—active faith. It is when we intentionally place our faith in action that we can enjoy a triumphant faith in troubled times.

Now, here in the second half of the chapter we will see Christ’s message about the Comforter. He continues His message of comfort with a message filled with promises.

## A. The Precept to be Obedied (14:15)

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James 2:17-18 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. **18** Yea, a man may say, “Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.”

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### 1. Supremely Love God—“If ye love Me”

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#### a. A Growing Love for God (Matthew 22:37)

Matthew 22:37-38 Jesus said unto him, “Thou shalt love the **Lord** thy **God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. **38** This is the first and great commandment.

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#### b. A Gazing Love toward God (2 Corinthians 3:18)

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the **Lord**, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the **Spirit** of the **Lord**.

*Your view of choice becomes your character of life.* In other words, what you choose to focus on in life changes you. We take on the characteristics of what we dwell upon. We are changed into the image of what we spend time focusing on.

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Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of **God**.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the **LORD**; and in **His** law doth he meditate day and night.

#### c. A Glowing Love of God (Matthew 5:16)

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your **Father** which is in heaven.

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John 15:12-14 This is **My** commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. **13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. **14** Ye are **My** friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

## 2. **Sacrificially** Love Others—“keep My commandments”

“... keep My Commandments.” ([Joh 14:15](#)) – This word, “keep” carries the idea of carefully watching over something. It is to take special care to obey.

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**Matthew 22:39** And the second *is* like unto it, ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.’

**John 13:34** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

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**Matthew 5:43-44** Ye have heard that it hath been said, “Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.” **44** But I say unto you, “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;”

The love that Christ was teaching was God’s kind of love (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

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**John 13:35** By this shall all *men* know that ye are **My** disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

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**1 John 3:16** Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because **He** laid down **His** life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

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JESUS’ MESSAGE ABOUT THE COMFORTER begins with a precept to be obeyed. This message of comfort focuses on a loving Christ with a love that obeys. Genuine love for Christ is displayed in obedience to His commands. We see that we are to supremely love God which leads to sacrificially loving others.

**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!