



Sunday, May 3, 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)

Jesus’ message to His disciples, here in John 14, is just as fitting to us as it was to them. It is a message of hope and comfort—a message of peace and joy. It is a message that ministers to a **TROUBLED** heart and then motivates a **TRIUMPHANT** heart. It is a message that brings peace when we respond to the plea that He makes while resting in the truths that He states.

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)

1. Responding to Christ’s Plea—**Believe Who He is** (1b)
2. Resting in Christ’s Promises—**Believe what He says** to you (2-3)
3. Relying on Christ’s Provision—**Believe what He does** for you (4-6)

There is peace and hope in the storm when we seek it in the right place. In order for you to truly find comfort in troubled times, your faith must be placed in Who Jesus is, what Jesus says, and what Jesus has done for you.

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

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.

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.

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

He was saying, “Trust Me that what I have given you is enough. I know what you need.”

a. Believing is seeing (John 20:29)

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance [*assurance*] of things hoped for, the evidence [*proof*] of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please **Him**: for he that cometh to **God** must believe that **He** is, and *that* **He** is a rewarder of them that diligently seek **Him**.

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

b. Believing is saving (John 20:30-31)

Jesus wants His followers to have triumphant faith as they keep on believing—as they keep on renewing their minds with the truths of Jesus, therefore having a practical, working knowledge of the Person of Christ. There is triumph in knowing the Person of Christ as we are transformed by the stabilizing truths of Who He is.

2. The triumph in knowing His Power (12)

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on **Me**, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto **My Father**.

We can see the transformation in the lives of the disciples, in the book of Acts, after they received this power.

This word, “*greater*” speaks of greater in scope not in power.

3. The triumph in knowing His Promise (13-14)

John 14:13-14 And whatsoever ye shall ask in **My** name, that will I do, that the **Father** may be glorified in the **Son**. **14** If ye shall ask any thing in **My** name, I will do *it*.

The “*name*” of Jesus stands for all that He is. God is defined by His names. In His names we see His attributes.

To pray in Jesus’ “*name*” is to pray with the heart and nature of Christ to the glory of the Father. It is to pray in harmony with God’s will—not in opposition to it. This means that a prayer lacks selfish motives, pride of self-glory, or even a sense of entitlement while it will be characterized by Spirit-led worship of the Father.

James 4:2-3 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. **3** Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss [*wrong motives / evil manner*], that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

In order to effectively ask in “Jesus’ name” we must live in close fellowship with Him. We must be in harmony with Christ. As we learn to live in close fellowship with Him we will be more sensitive to His leading and have a greater understanding of His will.

“...that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” – The believer’s prayer should be for God’s glory through the prayer being answered. A good question to ask is, **“Will this prayer being answered bring greatest glory to God?”**

Christ, Himself truly is God. It is good for Him to leave so that the Holy Spirit will come and dwell within the heart of every Christian wherever they go. His promise of answered prayer is a message of triumph which should bring great comfort to a troubled soul.



JESUS’ MESSAGE OF COMFORT for a TRIUMPHANT HEART is rooted in the PERSON of Jesus but also continues as we rest in His POWER and PROMISES. Jesus wants His followers to have triumphant faith as they keep on believing—as they keep on renewing their minds with the truths of Jesus, therefore having a practical, working knowledge of the Person of Christ.

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!