



Sunday, May 31, 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)

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

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.

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

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. These promises are part of a Biblical principle of genuine discipleship. They can be enjoyed when this precept is obeyed.

A. The **Precept** to be **Obeyed** (John 14:15)

The precept within this Biblical principle of supreme love for God is a command to obey. Our SUPREME LOVE FOR CHRIST is displayed in OBEDIENT SACRIFICIAL LOVE FOR OTHERS. We must understand that a GROWING LOVE for God is *dependent* upon our GAZING LOVE toward God which will be *displayed* in our GLOWING LOVE for God which is a sacrificial love for others.

B. The **Promises** to be **Enjoyed** (John 14:16-26)

The promise within this Biblical principle of supreme love for God is to be enjoyed by those who fulfil the precept of loving obedience which displays a genuine Christianity.

1. The promise of a **Spiritual** Relationship (John 14:16-17)

It is important to note that Christ did not lay out for His followers a life of rigid instructions for them to obey. It isn't primarily about religious behavior. He is explaining that the life of one who follows Him is characterized by a loving relationship that results in loving obedience.

Here Christ emphasizes *spiritual* presence vs. His *physical* presence.

a. Marked by His **Encouraging** Presence (John 14:16a)

John 14:16 And I will pray the **Father**, and **He** shall give you another **Comforter**, ... This "*Comforter*" or helper—lit. "one called alongside to help".

Notice that the Holy Spirit's ministry would include "*testifying of Christ*" (John 15:26) and "*bringing all things to their remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you*" (John 14:26).

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from **Him** that called you into the grace of **Christ** unto another gospel:

b. Marked by His **Continual** Presence (John 14:16b)

John 14:16 ... that **He** may abide with you forever;

c. Marked by His **Guiding** Presence (John 14:17)

Jesus, Who is the "*Word*" (John 1:1), had just stated that He was "*the Way, the Truth, and the Life*" (John 14:6), here we see that the Holy Spirit is marked by the same characteristic of truth.

John 15:26 But when the **Comforter** is come, **Whom** I will send unto you from the **Father**, *even* the **Spirit of Truth**, which proceedeth from the **Father**, **He** [*the Spirit*] shall testify of **Me**:

John 16:13 Howbeit when **He**, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, **He** will guide you into all truth: for **He** shall not speak of **Himself** [*his own authority*]; but whatsoever **He** shall hear, that shall **He** speak: and **He** will shew you things to come.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the **Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

John 1:10-12 **He** was in the world, and the world was made by **Him**, and the world knew **Him** not. **11** **He** [*Jesus*] came unto **His** own, and **His** own received **Him** not. **12** But as many as received **Him**, to them gave **He** power to become the sons of **God**, *even* to them that believe on **His** name:

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the **Holy Ghost** *which is* in you, which ye have of **God**, and ye are not your own?

d. Marked by His **Comforting** presence (John 14:18)

Matthew 28:20 ...and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.



JESUS' MESSAGE ABOUT THE COMFORTER continues with promises to be enjoyed within a loving and obedient Spiritual relationship. The presence of the Holy Spirit enables the believer to live a life of loving obedience. This promise is marked by the Spirit's ENCOURAGING and CONTINUAL presence, along with His GUIDING and COMFORTING presence.

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!