



Sunday, June 7, 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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Here in John 14, Jesus is in the process of preparing His disciples for His death and departure. He has told them that He would be taken and crucified; that one of them would betray Him; another would deny Him; and all of them would forsake Him.

Here in the first half of John 14 we see Christ’s message of COMFORT as He seeks to prepare His followers for the trials of life.

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

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

Jesus is seeking to comfort His disciples who are troubled by the news of His departure and death. He is teaching His disciples the PRINCIPLE OF TRIUMPHANT CHRISTIANITY which contains the PRECEPT of love displayed in sacrificial obedience.

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

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

The promises within this Biblical PRINCIPLE OF TRIUMPHANT CHRISTIANITY 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 14:16-18)

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### 2. The PROMISE of a Life-Giving Relationship (John 14:19-20)

He continues His words of comfort by emphasizing the PROMISE OF A LIFE-GIVING RELATIONSHIP which is characteristic of His own life—abundant and eternal life that was His to give.

#### a. Marked by His Characteristic (19)

Joh 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth **Me** no more; but ye see **Me**: because I live, ye shall live also.

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John 10:10-11 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: “I **AM** come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly [overflowing]. 11 “I **AM** the **Good Shepherd**: the **Good Shepherd** giveth **His** life for the sheep.

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1 John 5:11-13 And this is the record, that **God** hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in **His Son**. 12 He that hath the **Son** hath life; *and* he that hath not the **Son** of **God** hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the **Son** of **God**; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may [continue to] believe on the name of the **Son** of **God**.

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Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with **Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ** liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh [physically] I live by the faith of the **Son** of **God**, **Who** loved me, and gave **Himself** for me.

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#### b. Marked by their Confidence (20)

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### 3. The PROMISE of a Loving Relationship (21-24)

#### a. Marked by His Loving Presence (21)

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#### b. Marked by Loving Obedience (22-24)

##### i. An important concept (23a)

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John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. **35** By this shall all *men* know that ye are **My** disciples, if ye have love one to another."

1 John 4:20-21 If a man say, "I love **God**," and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love **God** whom he hath not seen? **21** And this commandment have we from **Him**, That he who loveth **God** love his brother also.

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##### ii. An important certainty (23b)

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Psalms 34:18 The **LORD** is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart [*speaks of great humility*]; and saveth such as be of a contrite [*meek*] spirit.

##### iii. An important contrast (24)

Christ calls for His disciples to move beyond a profession of love for Him and in turn evidence that love. In light of Peter's strong profession of loyalty in Joh 13:37 Jesus encourages a move from promised loyalty to practiced loyalty in the way that one obeys His words.



JESUS' MESSAGE ABOUT THE COMFORTER continues with the promises to be enjoyed. He promises a life-giving relationship in which He declares His commitment to give His followers the same quality of life that He enjoys. This is followed by His promise of a loving relationship filled with the loving presence of the indwelling Trinity.

**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!