KNOWING JESUS

BY GROWING IN GRACE

2 Peter 3:18

■ "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

CCIC BELIEVES THAT;

- 1. CHRIST IS OUR CENTER. GAL.2;20
- 2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. COL. 3:14
- 3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISION. MARK. 16:15

OUR STRUCTURE:

- 1. TEACH THE WORD.
- 2. TEACH TO PRAY.
- 3. TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND THE PEOPLE.
- 4. TEACH TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

TEXT: JOHN 14:15-31

■ ¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world <u>cannot</u> accept him, because it neither <u>sees</u> him nor <u>knows</u> him. But <u>you know</u> him, for he <u>lives</u> with you and will be <u>in you</u>. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

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JOHN 14:22-24

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JOHN 14:25-27

"25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

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INTRODUCTION: "COMFORT FOR TROUBLED HEARTS"

- 1. JESUS KNEW THEIR HEARTS WERE TROUBLED.
- 2. JESUS WAS ABOUT TO SECURE THEIR ETERNAL FUTURE.
- 3. JESUS WANTS THEIR FAITH TO SHIFT FROM SIGHT TO TRUST.
- 4. JESUS' PRESENCE CONTINUE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- 5. JESUS WANTED THEM TO ANCHOR THEIR PEACE IN HIM NOT IN THE WORLD.

"THE INTRODUCTION AND REVELATION OF JESUS" I. JESUS INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND THE FATHER. (14:9-11)

■ "9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves."

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- *Seeing Jesus is seeing the Father.
- ¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. Col.1:15

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- B. Unity Between the Father and the Son. V.10
- the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work."
- *Jesus speaks the Father's words and does the Father's works. (THE FATHER LIVES IN THE SON)

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- C. CHALLENGE TO BELIEVE. V11.
- "Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves."
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- A. Whoever believes.
- *It is a conditional words of promise.
- *It is open for all who believes.
- *It not limited for some but for all who genuinely believe in Jesus.
- "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me "

Matthew 17:20.

"He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Hebrews 11:6

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

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- B. The promise of greater works.
- "Whoever believes me, will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these".
- *. Teaching truth, healing the sick, bringing people to faith, Showing compassion, Demonstrating God's power, Confronting injustice and sin through the Holy Spirit.

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- C. Authority in Prayer through Jesus' name. v.13-14
- *Prayers aligned with Jesus bring glory to the Father.
- "13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

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- B. Life through union with Christ.
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- C. Mutual indwelling.
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- D. Love and Obedience lead to deeper revelation.
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REFLECTION QUESTION:

- 1. In what ways does my daily life reflect love for Jesus through obedience?
- 2. How aware am I of the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance in my life?
- 3. What practices help me stay attentive to Him?