

John 14

Stoop Down

I. The Way, the Truth, and the Life

1 **"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.**

- **Jesus continues final instructions...**

1. Don't let your heart be troubled
2. How? Believe in Me. Believe what I say.

**You can't follow Me now but you will. I'm getting our place ready!
Bridegroom is preparing a place for His bride to be with Him**

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

- **Plenty of Room**

1. Jesus is preparing a place for us. Do we believe that? If so...
2. He will obviously come back to get us and take us there...

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself;** that where I am, there you may be also.

Genesis to Revelation: God wants to be with us forever!

- I will come again/I will receive you to Myself

Where I am you will be. Never be alone again

- You will be completely alone/it will be dark for 50 Days **until I send My Spirit** vv 15

After that I will come and we will start our journey to forever...together

4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."

- If you know Me you know where I am going and how to get there

5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we **do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"** 6 Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

- **If you know Me Thomas**

1. You know the way to Heaven
2. You know the truth
3. You know real life...I am these things, Heaven is more a Person than Place

"I am the way, the truth, and the life"

6b...No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- No one is in Heaven who did not get there by believing in Jesus
- No one is saved who was not saved by Jesus

No one is w/God who believes anything other than Salvation by Grace through faith in Jesus

1. One way
2. One door on ark
3. One plan
4. One opportunity offered to all
5. No other way
6. No other method
7. No religion, philosophy, or belief system
8. No faith no matter how sincere that can save your soul

But...only the Person of Jesus. We come to Him not it.

There is only one way to God and that is by the blood of Jesus Christ. Dying to self/ Living to Christ. Forgiven and Cleansed. Standard is perfection and if we are in Christ we are clothed with perfection. Not "a" way but "the" way; i.e. the Only way to God

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"

No Salvation in any other...No Name under heaven by which men are saved [Acts 4:12]

II. Jesus Reveals the Father

7 "If **you had known Me**, you would have known My Father also; and from now on **you know Him and have seen Him.**"

**To know Jesus is to Know God the Father
Jesus reveals the Father Perfectly**

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, **show us the Father**, and it is sufficient for us."

- Show us the Father and we will be satisfied?

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; so how can you say, '**Show us the Father**'?"

He who has seen Me has seen the Father
My Words/My Work are all the works of the Father

John 5:19 ... Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

- Everything you saw/ Everything you heard...was the God of the OT

John 12:45 ...he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

Colossians 1:15 [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God

- How can you say "**show me the Father**?"

He who has seen me has seen the Father

- **God of the OT is the same as God of the NT:** On not cruel and other nice

1. Same God who freed Israel from Egypt OT healed the leper in NT [willing]
2. Same God who commanded Amalekites destroyed OT cast demons from boy
3. Same God who caused flood in OT provided a way of escape in NT

Same God OT and NT. **Jesus does not ask His Father to stay calm.
It will be Jesus who pops seals of Judgment in Revelation**

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the **Father who dwells in Me** does the works.

- Father in Jesus/Jesus in Father shown in two ways...
 1. Jesus Words
 2. Jesus Works

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

- I have spoken more than enough truth for you to believe.
- I have shown you more than enough miracles for you to believe.

Guys I'm leaving tomorrow...It's time for you to Believe

SUMMARY Jesus Reveals the Father

III. Answered Prayer

¹² "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father. ¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

- **Believers will do the works of Jesus:** Love, care for, feed, clothe
- Whatever you ask in **My Name**...I will do it
 1. Nature of Jesus
 2. With the authorization of Jesus

...you cannot ask *everything* in that Name. You are obliged to draw back from some prayers, and say, "No; Christ would never authorize me to put his name to that." [Spurgeon]

- Is what I am about to pray in line the nature of Jesus?
 1. **Loving:** Smite him Lord?
 2. **Humble:** I want to be recognized...Lord
 3. **Selfless:** Bless me Lord
 4. **If we do pray for our self...**Does edify, draw me closer, will it lead to pride?
 5. **Q. Is what I pray...**

- Led by the Holy Spirit or Flesh
 - In perfect agreement with Word of God
 - Is it God's will?
 - Is it In line with nature [Name] of Jesus
- Summary: Praying believers will do what Jesus did and...

Greater works than Jesus *because* He went to the Father [later]

SUMARY Answered Prayer

IV. Another Helper/Comforter: More Help

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

We cannot expect the Holy Spirit to dwell with us unless we are obedient to the commands of Christ. Our Savior here tells us much about the spirit of truth, but he begins with this test of our love to him, "If [you] love me, keep my commandments." [Spurgeon]

- **Love for God** is proven out by **Obedience to God**

1 John 2:3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

If you love Me keep My commandments?
Love God by Loving others. Love other by dying to self.

- **Fact:** Cannot keep his command [to love] without His Spirit

1 John 3:23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and **love one another**, as He gave us commandment.²⁴ Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the **Spirit whom He has given us.**

- We abide in Jesus and Jesus in us as we keep His commandments to love others
- We know He abides in us when Spirit He given us enables us keep His commands

We cannot keep His commands [love] by trying harder. We need help

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

**When I leave to prepare a place for you
I will ask My Father to send Help.**

- **Send Another Helper/Comforter:** Current comforter is leaving but sending...
 1. Spirit who abides with us forever
 2. Spirit who is the Spirit of Truth

...Spirit who after Jesus resurrection now lives/dwells in all who believe
Jesus came to do a New Thing: Prepare a Bride for Himself. The Church.

▪ **Mystery Hidden in OT:** Church/Bride of Christ

1. God deals with Israel until they reject in Mark 4/Matthew 12 [faithless wife]
2. Daniel Ch. 9: God puts Israel on pause between 69th and 70th week prophesy
3. Turns His eyes to new thing; **the Church**
 - New people now indwelt by Father, Son, Holy Spirit
 - New people being made ready [sanctified] for/as a Bride for Jesus
 - New people to make Israel Jealous by God's magnificent work in us...

Romans 11:11 [Has Israel...] stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.

- God's eye now on His Bride until "fullness of Gentiles comes in". Catch us away...
 1. Israel will embrace Anti-Christ
 2. Realize duped mid-trib
 3. **Israel will turn to Jesus**

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

- **Bride of Christ:** First people group indwelt/sealed with Spirit of God

...it means literally this—that the Holy Ghost, the third Person of the sacred Trinity actually dwells in every regenerate man and woman, that he has made our bodies to be his shrine, and he is the indwelling Lord. [Spurgeon]

- We are different than everyone else in world if we have the Spirit
 1. **Q.** How do we know we have the Spirit?
 2. **A.** If we have the ability to keep His command
 3. **Q.** What is His command?
 4. **A.** To love one another as He has loved us. Do you have His Spirit?
 - Die to self
 - Live to God

Greater works than Me because I go to the Father?

Indwelling Holy Spirit will allow us to do greater works than Jesus

- **Jesus in one place/one time:** Church to the ends of the earth

1. **Greater works;** i.e. greater abundance of the same great work
2. **Greatest work?** Eternal Salvation of a soul

We have the ability to lead more people to God by His Spirit than Jesus did
More converted during Peters 1st sermon than recorded Jesus entire earthly ministry

18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

- I am leaving but will not leave you alone
- I will come to you in the Person of My Holy Spirit; i.e. Spirit of Jesus

"Between Christ on earth and his disciples...what a distance there was! In his condescension He came very near to them; but yet you always perceive a gulf between the wise Master and the foolish disciples. Now the **Holy Ghost annihilates that distance by dwelling in us.**" [Spurgeon]

- Close communion with God is *available to all believers* [later]

SUMMARY Another Helper/Comforter: More Help

V. Indwelling Father and Son

19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, **but you will see Me.** Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Day you receive the Spirit you will know oneness with the Eternal God

- I am *in the Father*
- You are *in Me*
- I am **in you**

I know you're hurting, confused, struggling in dark sinful world but...

My desire is to reveal Myself to you more than you can dream of! Die

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

- Love and Obedience for God cannot be separated
- Love without obedience is not love at all
- Love for Jesus is demonstrated by loving others. Period.

If we are not doing what He says to do...we are don't love Him

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 8 He who sins is of the devil

- **Personal:** Do what tell you to do and I will reveal Myself to you [What about John]
 1. Those who love Me will do what I say. What do you know God is telling you?
 2. Those who love Me by doing what I say also will be loved by My Father

Do what I say and I will love you

...by revealing Myself [manifest Myself] to you in a very special and real way

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world? 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and **make Our home with him.**

How does Jesus reveal Himself to us when we obey Him?

- **Intimacy with God:** Father, Son and Holy Spirit will make their home with us

We make God welcome in our home [body] by doing what He says...Love

24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

- **This Promise of making Our home:** Only for those who do what Jesus says

Manifestation of God in our life is directly tied to a life of obedience

If you are not close to God it is because you are not listening to what He told you to do

- I don't *feel* God
- I don't *hear* God
- I don't *sense* God's leading. Are you...
 1. Loving or Selfish?
 2. Forgiving or Bitter?
 3. Dying to self or Demanding rights? To live you must die.
 4. Gossiping/Slandering others rather than and praying for them?

Intimacy w/God: Directly linked to obeying Jesus command to love others as He loved us.

- If you are not experiencing intimacy with God it is because you are not loving others
- If we have the Spirit of God...we have the ability to love and are expected to do so

1 John 4:7 [Read] Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, **we also ought to love one another.**

IV. Gift of Peace

- Holy Spirit/Helper/Comforter: Helps us keep Jesus **command to love as He loves**

25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the **Helper**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach you all things**, and **bring to your remembrance** all things that I said to you.

- **Holy Spirit indwells all believers;** Bride of Christ the Church

1. **Teaches us:** Illuminates/give clarity to Word of God...

1 John 2:27 ...the anointing [Spirit] which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you. [Spirit gives discernment good/evil]

2. **Reminds us:** Brings to remembrance the Word of God

NOTE: We must read God's Word in order for Spirit to bring God's word to remembrance

- **When I send My Spirit to indwell you He will:**

1. **Helps us:** To love one another as Jesus loves us
2. **Teaches us:** Illuminate/Give Clarity to His Word
3. **Reminds us** of God's Word at just the right time
4. **Finally, ...**

...Holy Spirit gives us peace in a crazy world...

27 Peace I leave with you, **My peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- **Not the Peace not of world:** Running away/escaping from/not dealing with issues
- **The very peace of Jesus...**peace in the midst of hard times

"In the Bible the word for peace, shalom, **never means** simply the absence of trouble. It means *everything which makes for our highest good*. The peace which the world offers us is the peace of escape, the peace which comes from the avoidance of trouble and from refusing to face things." [Barclay]

Rock Solid Peace in the midst of chaos

2 Timothy 1:7 ...God has not given us a spirit of fear [root: *dread*], but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

When I go I will leave you My peace manifested in Power, Love, Sound Mind

- **Jesus command to His bride...**

1. Don't be troubled
2. Don't be afraid
3. Don't worry

Holy Spirit gives us ability to do what Jesus says...

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled..." 2x here in v 27

- **We now have the ability/choice by God's Holy Spirit to...**

1. Love others in spite of what they do to us...
2. **To be untroubled:** Unmoved by circumstances
3. **To be unafraid:** Having a sound mind when fear is more appropriate
4. **To not have live** in a constant state of worry

- **Fear is paralyzing the entire world...**

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| 1. Troubled heart | <i>caused by fear</i> |
| 2. Anxiousness | <i>caused by fear</i> |
| 3. Worry | <i>caused by fear</i> |

- Fear is paralyzing the entire world...**but should not be paralyzing us Spirit filled**

Key: This stuff will disappear as we do what Jesus says to do; Love one another

1 John 4:17 Love has been perfected [made complete] among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because *as He is, so are we in this world*. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear...

- **Perfect Love?** Completed Love: 2 parts: God loves us/we in turn love others
 1. Casts out all fear
 2. Opens the floodgates of peace in our lives

...Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you...if you want it... love one another

28 You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for **My Father is greater than I.**

- **My promise:** After I leave I will be back for you. Marriage Ceremony
- **Your response?** Troubled Heart

No joy in self but in thinking about the best for others
If you were thinking about Me you'd be happy for Me that I'm going to where I belong...

- **Father is greater than I:** i.e. Greater in position not essence/being; e.g. marriage

29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

- **Purpose of Prophecy:** 1/3 of Bible. That you may believe
- **NOTE: Re-birth of Israel** should give us great faith in the Word of God

30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the **ruler of this world is coming**, and he has nothing in Me.

- **Ruler of this world;** i.e. Satan possessing Judas is now on his way with torches
- **Satan has Nothing in Me:** No accusation that will stand

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. **Arise, let us go from here.**

- Wont cross Brook Kidron until Ch. 18 [like trying to get the family into car]
- Before leaving supper, **they sing...**

Matthew 26:30 And when they had **sung a hymn**, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

We might think Jesus would want to be alone before His death
...Instead he stays and sings with his friends

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, **He will rejoice over you with singing."**

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