

PEACE

John 14:1-15

From Pastor Mark

Stress and anxiety fill our world. The One who stilled the storm provided His disciples with the prescription for inner peace, come what may. Jesus was “troubled” but did not sin (13:21). In John 14, He told His followers how they can deal with their “troubles,” and experience His peace.

- I. **TRUST JESUS’ COMFORTING PROMISES (14:1-3).**
 - A. The Command to Trust (1)
 - B. The Promises to Trust (2-3)
 1. Heavenly Home (2)
 2. Heavenly Hope (3)

- II. **TRUST JESUS’ COMPETENT PERSON (14:4-12).**
 - A. He is able to take us to the Father (4-6).
 - B. He is able to reveal the Father (7-11).
 - C. He is able to work through us (12).

- III. **TRUST THROUGH CONFIDENT PRAYER (14:13-15).**
 - A. The Approach to Confident Prayer (13a)
 1. Prayer in Jesus’ Name Is IDENTIFICATION with Him:
 - Relationship
 - Access
 - Goals
 - Authority
 2. Prayer in Jesus’ Name involves...
 - Privileges
 - Responsibilities
 - B. The Promise for Confident Prayer (13b)
 - C. The Motive of Confident Prayer (13c)
 - D. The Power of Confident Prayer (14)
 - E. The Qualification for Confident Prayer (15)

The “peace of God” or “peace that passes understanding” (Philippians 4:4-7) is available to those who trust Christ’s promises and Person and express that trust in confident prayer!

FOR NEXT TIME: Read John 14:15-31, *He Lives Within My Heart*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2023

1. Read John 14:1 and remember the setting following John 13. What circumstances did the disciples have to be troubled about?
2. Read John 14:2-3. What comfort can you receive from the promises of these verses?
3. How does knowing the Person of Christ and His relationship to His Father (14:4-6) contribute to our personal peace?
4. What good news does John 14:6 provide that we can share with others who need Jesus?
5. What did you learn in John 14:13-15 that can strengthen your prayer life?
6. Where are you troubled, anxious, or worried right now? What did you learn from John 14 to give you peace?
7. Please talk to your group and begin to plan ahead for:
 - a. *Zoom with Your Missionary* Night (March 19), a time to set up a video chat (or other communication) with your LG missionary and pray for them.
 - b. A LG table for VISIT THE WORLD night during Missions Festival on Saturday, March 25 at 6:00 PM in the Outreach Center, representing your LG missionary. Direct questions to amberbutcheribcmisions@yahoo.com or bdeoms@comcast.net
 - c. Spring Life Group service project. LG report night will be May 7 at 6:30 PM.