

CALVARY CHAPEL

WAY - TRUTH - LIFE

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The Father Revealed

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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’? 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. 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.

The 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*.

- Introduction
 - The Last Supper
 1. Jesus shared the Passover with His closest friends
 2. The Upper Room Discourse
 - Four major discourses Jesus gave
 1. Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5-7
 2. The Kingdom Parable Discourse Matthew 13
 3. Olivet Discourse Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21
 4. The Upper Room Discourse John 13-17
 - The longest and most intimate of the discourses
 - Jesus' public ministry was over at this point
 1. The nation rejected Him (see John 1:11)
 2. Thus, He had nothing more to say to them
 3. Behind closed doors, Jesus gave this discourse to His twelve disciples
 - Jesus washed the disciple's feet.
 - His example, humbling himself and taking the form of a servant and obedience
 - He who is clean only needs to wash his feet.
 - Tells his disciples to wash each other's feet, and serve one another.

- At the beginning of this passage, the disciples were agitated, troubled, and confused
 1. Jesus predicted His death (see John 13:33-35)
 2. He predicted His betrayal (see John 13:21-30)
 3. He predicted Peter would deny Him (see John 13:36-38)
- **John 14:1** “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. **2** In My Father’s house are many [a]mansions; if *it were* not so, [b]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **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. **4** And where I go you know, and the way you know.”
 - Jesus commanded them to not be troubled
 - He was telling them to stop stressing out
 - This shows that we are in control of our emotions
 - With the command comes the capability to keep it
 1. **Because of who you know**
 - You trust in God; trust in Jesus too
 - Jesus had been trustworthy up to that point
 - When there was no food, He fed the multitude (see Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:34-44; Luke 9:11-17; John 6:1-13)
 - When the storm was going to overturn the boat, He calmed it (see Matthew 8:23-27; 14:22-32; Mark 4:35-41; 6:45-51; Luke 8:22-25; John 6:16-21)
 - When Lazarus died, He raised him from the dead (see John 11:1-45)
 2. **Because of where you'll go (heaven)**
 - The Bible speaks a lot about heaven (532 times)
 - Jesus spoke about heaven relationally
 - "My Father's house"
 - Many rooms, or apartments
 - In ancient times, people lived in tents
 - When they added to the family, they added on to the tent
 - The tent would keep growing
 - There is room for us in God's house
 - In the future
 - A new heaven and new earth
 - New Jerusalem will orbit the earth (see Revelation 21:2-27) and be roughly the size of the moon
 3. **Because of what He'll show**
 - He is preparing a place for us
 - Heaven will be a personalized place
 - Jesus made this promise 2,000 years ago
 - Imagine what He could do with that amount of time
 - He will return
 - The rapture (see 1 Corinthians 15; 1 Thessalonians 4)

- A different time than His first coming
 - We have the "blessed hope" of His return (Titus 2:13)
- John 14:4 And where I go you know, **and the way you know.** **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. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
 - Thomas spoke up stating he did not understand
 - I'm glad Thomas spoke up he opened the door for Jesus to give the gospel in a nutshell (see v. 6)
 - Thomas had a question mark for a brain
 - Jesus was in the process of turning the question mark into an exclamation point
 - Thomas can't miss this, we can't miss This
 - **How can we know the way**
 - This is the one question that every religion cannot answer except Christianity
 - Only Christianity answers how do I become reconcile with God.
- There are 2 statements given by Jesus
- **I am the way the truth and the Life**
 - The only **way**, the narrow road, the door. **1 Timothy 2:5** *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,*
 - The **truth**. Jesus said in **John 17:17** Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. the word the "truth" became flesh, **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - Jesus is the truth of God. There is no other.
 - Truth: is the life of Jesus
 - **The Life**. He is the only one that gives life. **John 1:** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
- **No one can go to the Father except through Jesus**
 1. As believers, we are narrow-minded **Matthew 13** "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** [c]Because narrow *is* the gate and [d]difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
 2. Every other belief system that has a way to God besides Jesus is **invalid**
 3. We live in a society where everything is good and inclusive
 4. The Gospel is inclusive that everyone is welcome but exclusive that it is the only way. There is no other.
 5. That's why the gospels all of them end with the great commission.
 6. The only way to the farther is through Jesus.
- **How do I know? there is a subjective and a subjective answer**

1. **Romans 8:16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
 2. **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. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God [a]is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.
- **Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father**
 - First, we have Thomas who had questions
 - Philip was a pragmatist; he had a calculator for a brain
 - 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."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'? 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. 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.
 - Jesus reveals to them His deity
 - He is God,
 - He was with the Father in the beginning and will return to the Father after the Cross
 - Every tongue will confess and every knee will vow
 - Phillips is asking if we can see the Father so we can know the way
 - Jesus is the way the truth and the Life and no one
 - **John 14: 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*."
 - Jesus said that those who believe in Him will do greater works than He did
 - Not greater in quality, but in quantity
 - Spreading of the gospel
 - Miraculous transformation to salvation
 - After He left, 3,000 people were saved at Pentecost (see Acts 2:1-41)
 - In the first few months, thousands upon thousands of people were transformed
 - More people came to Christ in these first months than in the entire three years of His ministry
 - **Whatever you ask in my name**
 - **James 4:3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.
 - We must look at context salvation and the great commission.