

# ***Intimacy with Father, Son and Spirit in the Context of Eschatology***

## ***Session 5: The Glory of Christ's Humble Love (Jn 13)***

### **I. OVERVIEW**

- The primary theme Jesus speaks to His disciples about, in Jn. 13-17, is the subject of God's love and glory.

Jesus' main objective is to lead the Church into the revelation of God's divine love.

It is our destiny to experience the glory that He possessed with His Father before the foundations of the earth.

Our destiny is to be wrapped up into the eternal fellowship of the Godhead forever.

***4...and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. (1 Jn. 1:4)***

- The primary destiny and inheritance of the Church is to experience deep intimacy with the Trinity.

- We are called to an experiential union with God (intimacy) and unity with the saints.

Jesus said that the purpose of His instruction in Jn 13-17 was to equip His followers to walk in victory under the growing global pressure.

He instructed His disciples that in dialogue with the Godhead, our hearts will be filled with peace and joy to keeping us from falling way under pressure.

***11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you..." (Jn. 15:11)***

***1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not...stumble [fall away]." (Jn. 16:1)***

***33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace ..." (Jn 16:33)***

- The Upper Room discourse is a blue print (**pattern**) and map (**pathway**) to the glory and destiny of the Church.

Waiting on the Lord by interacting and responding to Him is key to making our hearts ready.

***"... for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." (Rev. 19:7)***

- Jesus **prophesied a coming time** of great pressure on the earth. In those days many will be

gripped with four predominant negative emotions due to a **disconnect from** Jesus through **the lack of** prayer (**Mt. 26:41**) and a disconnect (**Rom. 11:25**) from the plan and storyline of heaven-the gospel.

- Youthful resilience will not stand in the emerging crisis

**<sup>30</sup>Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall ...” (Isa. 40:30)**

In 2020, a larger-than-average amount of young adults 56% (ages 18-24) reported signs of anxiety and depressive disorder.

Compared to all adults, young adults are more likely to report substance use (25% vs.13%) and suicidal thoughts (26% vs.11%).

- The answer Isaiah gives to the end-time church is to live lives of **“waiting”** on the Lord

**<sup>31</sup>“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” (Isa. 40:31)**

The Spirit calls the Church to her **inheritance** by experiencing God’s love in the context of intimacy with The Father, Son and Spirit

## II. OUR GLORIOUS DESTINY IN THE GOSPEL

- As believers we have an indescribable destiny and inheritance. That is to Fellowship with the Godhead (Father, Son and Spirit)

**<sup>1</sup>“... Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you ... <sup>1</sup>“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am...your exceedingly great reward.” (Gen. 12:1; 15:1)**

- The Father’s plan is for His Bride to be unified with Him to be His witness.

And our unity will be according to the love expressed between the Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit.

The church will walk in this Unity the same way the Father, Son and Spirit walk in love together.

**<sup>23</sup> I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (Jn. 17:23)**

- In John 17:6-26, Jesus prays and prophesies the future destiny of the Church

1. That the Church would know the knowledge of God – 17:6
2. That the Church would keep God's word – 17:6
3. That the Church would have full faith in Christ – 17:7-10
4. That the Church would be unified through the knowledge of God – 17:11, 20-23
5. That the Church would enter in to the fullness of joy – 17:13
6. That the Church would be delivered and kept from evil and compromise – 17:15-19
7. That the Church would experience deep experiential union with the Trinity – 17: 22-24
8. That the Church would experience the fullness of God's love for God – 17:26

### III. THE BEAUTY OF JESUS AS THE SERVANT OF ALL

<sup>7</sup>*Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." (Jn. 13:7)*

This statement emphasizes our need to adopt the same humility Jesus had and required of the disciples and of us to trust Him. Because His plans are not our plans and only in complete Trust will we not be tempted and fall into offense when Jesus does what we do not expect.

- Jesus showed His disciples that His nature and His leadership is forever established in divine humility. God's nature is Humility.

<sup>5</sup>*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup>but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. (Phil. 2:5-7)*

- **Jn 13:7** is key to understanding the unfolding of God's humility as Jesus willingly walks out the plan of redemption.

The Father knew to prove to us of His beauty and His love for us that the only way to defeat Sin and Death beyond the disobedience of satan, is to defeat such wickedness with a decisive blow so that it would never in the ages to come (all of the future that is ahead of us) rise again as a viable alternative to His Love.

<sup>10</sup> *... hide in the dust, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty. <sup>11</sup>The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down ... the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. <sup>12</sup>... shall come upon everything proud and lofty, upon everything lifted up (Isa. 2:10-12)*

- The humility of Christ is revealed in the cross, His leadership in our lives, the administration of the agenda of God for the nations (Isa 49-55) and Jesus' leadership in the ages to come as the Servant of Rulers (Isa. 49:7).

It is the reason for which He came and will come again: He comes to serve.

<sup>45</sup> ***"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mk. 10:45)***

<sup>37</sup> ***"... when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird (to surround) himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them." (Lk 12:37)***

- A brief outline of John 13

1. The great betrayal – Jn. 13:1-2, 21-22
2. The Father's love for His Son – Jn. 13:3-4
3. Jesus unveils Himself as the Servant of the Lord – Jn. 13:5-6
4. The coming understanding of the humility of God – Jn. 13:7
5. Receiving Christ as our Servant – Jn.13:8-11
6. Christ our servant forever – Jn. 13:12
7. The humility of Christ as our example to follow – Jn. 13:13-20
8. Leaning on the Servant – Jn. 13:23-30
9. The servanthood of Christ and His suffering – Jn 13:31-33, 36-38
10. Command to walk in humble love – Jn 13:34-35

<sup>34</sup> ***... that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (Jn 13:34)***