

FINAL STUDY NOTES - 1/29-30/2024 - John 14:1-31

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OPENING PRAYER

Review from last week: Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet! Jesus Identifies His Betrayer! The New Commandment! Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial!

(Joh 13:38) Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

(John 14:1-31) – The Way, the Truth, and the Life! – (vs. 1-6); The Father Revealed! – (vs. 7-11); The Answered Prayer! – (vs. 12-14) Jesus Promises Another Helper! – (vs. 15-18) Indwelling of the Father and the Son! – (vs. 19-24) The Gift of His Peace! – (vs. 25-31)

***I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life - (vs. 1-6)**

Joh 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

- ***Let not your heart be troubled!*** He is addressing this basically to Peter, knowing that Peter's heart was going to be severely troubled after he denied the Lord. But also knowing that the rest of the disciples are going to have troubled hearts when they see Him hanging on the cross and dying on the cross. Their expectations of the Messiah was far different from His being crucified; suffering and being put to death. Their expectation was that He was going to establish the kingdom of God immediately, that they would be ruling and reigning with Him over the earth. They had forsaken everything to follow Him and follow this concept of the Messiah. So He is saying, "*Let not your heart be troubled.*" They are going to be facing troubling times and troubling experiences the next day as He will be put to death there on the cross.
- ***You believe in God, believe also in me. This is the first remedy for a troubled heart. Believe in Me. Trust in Me.*** Jesus said. You know, that is truly a cure for a troubled heart. Whenever you are concerned or worried or you begin to be anxious over situations that you do not understand, you are confused, how wonderful it is just to put your trust in Jesus. He is saying, Just trust Me.
- ***But that is oftentimes hard to do. If I do not understand what He is doing, it is hard to trust Him.*** Sometimes the things that He is doing do not make sense to me. We would like to have some other kind of advice, maybe other than what the Lord is directing for our lives.

Joh 14:2 In My Father's house are many mansions (monay, abode, residence); if it were not so, I would have told you. .

- ***In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you.*** Many abiding places. I think that we have made a mistake in thinking of mansions, like something in Beverly Hills with swimming pools and manicured yards and so forth. That is usually our idea of a mansion. Seven bedrooms, five baths. I think that in our new bodies, we are not going to require sleep. So why would we need bedrooms? I do not think He is talking about some little cottage down the path or some big mansion down the path. Many abiding places.
- ***I going to prepare a place for you. Paul the apostle said, (2Co 5:1) For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, so he likens this body to a tent— is destroyed, ” or when this body goes back to dust, the component elements that make up our body, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*** This building of God that He is speaking about is the new body that I am going to have in heaven, the new heavenly body.
- ***So when this tent, temporary dwelling place for my spirit, goes back to dust, I have a building of God, not made with hands, a new body.*** Not with all of the ancestral, genetic kinds of malfunctions that are passed down through the genes, or weaknesses or tendencies towards different things. But a new body, a building of God, not made with hands, that is eternal in the heavens.

- So possibly the mansion that Jesus is talking about could be that glorious new body that He has gone to prepare for you. There I am going to be with my Lord forever in the glory of His kingdom and in the new body that God has created for me! So that is a possibility.

Joh 14:3 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.

- ***Jesus is saying, And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself.*** We're getting to the answer of Peter's question. There was a little digression there where Peter, the second question, Lord, why can't I go with You? I will die for You. Jesus predicted his failure and denial and then encourages him. "Let not your heart be troubled." Then, He answers the first question, Where are You going? Jesus is saying, "I'm going to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare that place, then I'm going to come again, and receive you to Myself."
- ***That where I am, there you may be also. That is the answer then to Peter's question. Jesus is going to prepare a place and He will come again and receive us unto Himself.***

Joh 14:4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."

Joh 14:5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

- ***Now the second question comes from Thomas, Lord, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way?*** This is just a discussion between Jesus and His disciples after dinner, sitting around the table there, or reclining around the table which was the posture in those days. Here He is discussing these things. Lord, we do not know where You are going; and how can we know the way to get there?

Joh 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- ***The answer of Jesus to the question of Thomas, How can we know the way? Jesus said, I am the way.*** This is another one of those radical statements of Jesus that we have here in the gospel of John. Radical statements that caused the world to hate us by saying that we are too narrow and bigoted. For the world would like to think that all roads lead to God. No matter what path you take, we are all going to arrive at the same destination.
- ***When we press the exclusiveness of Jesus, they get upset.*** They get angry even because we dare to say that Jesus is the only way to God! But when we say that we are only saying what Jesus said. Jesus said this and many other radical things. Things that marked Him as a radical. Things that are so radical that you cannot ignore and you have to either accept them or reject them. They give you no neutral ground to stand on.
- ***Earlier on, and through the Gospel of John, He said, "I am the bread of life: if any man eats of Me, he will never hunger again" (John 6:35). He said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. And he who drinks of the water that I give, out of his innermost being there will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37,38). He said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). He said, "I am the door to the sheepfold. Any man tries to enter in by any other way, the same is a thief and a robber" (John 10:7,8). He said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: and he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And if you live and believe in Me, you'll never die" (John 11:25,26).*** All very radical statements. ***Statements that divide men into two categories. Those that believe and those that do not.***
- ***(Joh 14:6) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*** In an age in which man had despaired of finding truth, the age of philosophy was dying, they had been searching for truth and now, a time of cynicism had arisen because the philosophers could not agree as to what is truth. We remember when Jesus was facing Pilate, Pilate said very cynically to Jesus, "And what is truth?" Jesus is saying, "***I am the truth, I am the way, and I am the life. And no man can come to the Father but by Me.***" Exclusive claims of Jesus! We dare not try to broaden the path lest we be false prophets!
- ***Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, (Mat 7:13) "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.*** That is in context of telling you the way is narrow. "Beware of false prophets" who will tell you the way is broad. They come as "*wolves in sheep's clothing.*" They try to broaden, so God is love and He is the Father of all and just think good thoughts and get a good karma. You can be assured of a better life when you come around again.

They are trying to broaden the way but Jesus said, Look, no man comes to the Father but by Me! He said it. He made that claim. And you either believe it or not!

- **Do you believe that you can get there on your own good works, your own good effort, your own sincerity in being religious?** He said you cannot get to the Father but by Him. You can get to some god, for there are many gods, **but you cannot get to the Father except through Jesus Christ!**

****The Father Revealed! – (vs. 7-11)**

Joh 14:7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

- **That is quite a statement.** You know Him, you have seen Him!

Joh 14:8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

Joh 14:9 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'?"

- **Don't you realize that if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father? How can you say, Show us the Father?** This does not mean you are seeing the identical Person, but you are seeing the same Person in power, in character, in love, and in everything else.
- **Speaking of Jesus Christ, it says, (Rev 3:14) And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, "These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: " What does that mean? He is a faithful and true witness of the Father. He came to represent, to reveal the Father to man. (Heb 1:3) who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, So Jesus came to represent the Father, He was a true and faithful witness of what the Father is, and if you want to know what God is, look at Jesus!**
- **Often, we have a wrong concept of God because we read of Jesus interceding for us and our Advocate and all with the Father, but remember it was God who so loved you that He sent His own begotten Son!** We think of God as sort of aloof and reluctant to answer our prayers or to forgive us our sins and it is good that we have Jesus up there pleading for us. Actually, God was the One who sent Jesus in order to make a way by which you could come to the Father. So, if you have seen Me," He said, "you have seen the Father."
- **So He came and all the way through the book of John, He is insisting, I'm not doing My own will. I came to do the will of the Father.** What I see the Father do, that is what I am doing, the works that I do, I do not do of Myself! The Father that dwells in Me! He is doing the work. All the way through He is declaring in the gospel of John that He is here to represent the Father. He represents the Father in the things that He is saying. He represents the Father in the things that He is doing. So all of the love that He manifested, all of the healing of the sick bodies, all of the mending of the broken lives, this is the work of the Father! Jesus is declaring, "If you have seen Me, you've seen the Father."

Joh 14:10 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.

- **So both the words and the works were of the Father.** I have spoken My Father's words! I have done My Father's works!

Joh 14:11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

- **Again, throughout the gospel of John, He calls His works to bear witness that He was of God and He came from God.** His divinity, He calls upon His work to bear witness that He is the Son of God.
- **When Peter on the day of Pentecost preached to the people that gathered, he said, "(Act 2:22) "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know. The miracles of Jesus were proof that He was of God. When Nicodemus came to Him at night, he said, "(Joh 3:2) This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." He recognized that. Here once more, Jesus is calling upon His works. If you cannot just believe My words, cannot believe what I tell you, then "**believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.**"**

*****The Answered Prayer! – (vs. 12-14)**

Joh 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.*

- **Greater works than these he will do.** Jesus did not mean greater works in power, but in terms of extent, quantity. They would become gospel witnesses to all the world through the power of the indwelling and infilling of the Holy Spirit, (*Act 1:8*) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. And would bring many people to salvation because of the Helper, the Comforter, dwelling in them. The focus is on spiritual rather than physical miracles. The Book of Acts constitutes the beginning historical record of the impact that the Spirit-empowered disciples had on the world. (*Act 17:6b*) *These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.*
- **But also in terms of quality is as well. When Jesus speaks this to the disciples at this moment in time, no one had yet been born again by the Holy Spirit!** As a product of His death, burial, and resurrection, yes, there are Old Testament Saints that put their faith in Jesus Christ, the Messiah who was to come, receive everlasting life and salvation. But the Holy Spirit, coming into a person's life by virtue of a spiritual birth, that is going to happen. After Jesus's death, burial, and resurrection, and so following that, is that we would go out and preach the gospel to the world!
- **In being born again, they would receive the greatest miracle that a human life can experience,** the experience of having God Almighty come into our lives and dwell in our lives, and so greater in terms of quantity, even greater in terms of quality! Being born again is a greater miracle, than being cleansed of leprosy! It is a greater miracle than being raised from the dead, because the consequences of it are eternal among other things, and so greater works that He will do through us now! His ministry has not ceased with His ascension into heaven, but He continues to do these things through His body around the world!
- **Because I go to My Father.** The only way Jesus' disciples would be able to be used to do those greater works was through the power of the Holy Spirit, and He could not be sent as the Helper, the Comforter until Jesus returned to the Father. (*Joh 14:26*) *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.*

Joh 14:13 *And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

Joh 14:14 *If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

- **And then, a tremendous promise! Jesus is not just giving you a credit card and saying, Go out and charge all you want!** Because our nature is such that we would go out and just indulge ourselves with so many fleshly things that it would take our minds and thoughts off of the Lord. We would soon be so carnal and caught up in material things, we would not be thinking about Him.
- **Notice, He said, "in My name." Can you ask for it in His name? Is it for His glory?** Is it to bring honor to Him? And notice, "*that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*" That is the purpose of God giving it, in order that He might be glorified through the Son. It is to bring glory to Jesus Christ, not glory to you!
- **So you cannot go out and pray, God, make me famous, a famous movie star.** Or God, do something for me like that. He is not talking about things to indulge upon your own flesh or your own desires. But those things that are for God's glory, you can have! And that assurance, "*whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*"

*****Jesus Promises Another Helper. The Holy Spirit! – (vs. 15-18)**

Joh 14:15 *"If you love Me, keep My commandments.*

- **Considering vs. 13,14, and 15, what do they say?** What does it mean to ask in the name of Christ? To pray in His Person means to be standing in His place. It means to be fully identified with Him, joined to Christ. It means that you and I are pleading the merits of His blessed Son when we stand before God. We have no standing of our own before God at all. He does not hear my prayer because of I am, or because you are who you are. He hears our prayers when they are in the name, the character of Christ. This is not just a little phrase that we tag on to the end of our prayer closing with "in Jesus' name." Praying in His name is presenting it in His merit and for His glory.

- **Also it depends on our obedience to Christ. This promise is given to those who love Him, and the evidence of their love is the keeping of His commandments.** Love will be demonstrated by obedience to Christ. An undisciplined Christian cannot say that he loves the Lord Jesus. How are you, we, doing in that area? Do you love Him? *Are you keeping His commandments because you love Him today?*
- **In John's first epistle, he talks about keeping His commandments.** Jesus is going to speak some more about keeping His commandments here as we move down our text a bit.
- **What are His commandments? Back in the last chapter we read, (Joh 13:34) A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.** That is His commandment.
- **When a lawyer came to Him and said, (Mat 22:36-40) "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? [37] Jesus said to him, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second is like it: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. [40] On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.** All summarized in these two. Love God first and supremely, love your neighbor as yourself.
- **Now the Lord does not say, Love yourself. He knows that He does not have to command you to do that.** You do that automatically. If we would take a photograph, wide angle shot of the whole group right now, blow it up and put it on the wall, who is the first one you are going to look for? You are going to judge the picture on how you look. So, it is not this doctrine that is to love yourself. It is not a self-esteem doctrine. That is a given. What is tough is to love my neighbor like I love myself! That is what is hard. That does not come naturally. I do love myself, but to love my neighbor as myself, that takes the help and the grace of God.
- **These are His commandments.** So, Jesus said, *"If you love Me, keep My commandments."*

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

Joh 14:17 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.

- **Their hearts are troubled. He said He is going away. They cannot come.** They have learned to depend on and trust in Him. So, to their troubled hearts, He speaks words of comfort! I am going to pray. I am going to the Father. You want to know where I am going, I am going to the Father. I am going to prepare a place for you. I am going to My Father's house to prepare a place for you. So *"I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper."* The word, *Helper, Parakletos*, is literally, one who is called to come alongside. *Kletos* is to be called, and *para* is alongside or with. So one who is called alongside. It is used in the Greek for, when you are in trouble and you call for an attorney, you call for a *Parakletos*. When you are needing help, you call for a *Parakletos*. You call for one to come alongside of you and the given is, to help you. So *I will pray the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.*
- **The Spirit of truth. He identifies it as the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth.**
- **Whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him.** The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit. *"(1Co 2:14) But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* Thus, we come to a communication block when we try to share the things of Christ with the world, with worldly people, with people who only think in carnal ways. To try and share the truths of God with them is so difficult because the natural man just does not understand the things of the Spirit and neither can he know them.
- **But you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.** The Holy Spirit is going to come into your life. He is going to begin to indwell you.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

- **I will not leave you desolate.** I will not abandon you. I am not going to desert you. *"I will come to you."* The word actually is "without a father." I will not leave you as an orphan, or desert you. But *I will come to you.* So I am going to *pray the Father.* He will send the Holy Spirit, but I am going to come to you.

******Indwelling of the Father and the Son! – (vs. 19-24)**

Joh 14:19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

- ***A little while longer and the world will see Me no more.*** He is going to be put in the tomb and hanging on the cross, is the last time the world is going to see Him. "And the world will see Me no more."
- ***But you will see Me.*** He is going to appear to His disciples after His resurrection. He will manifest the fact that He is resurrected by His appearances to the disciples. But He is not going to appear to the world. He is not going to manifest Himself to the world but only to the disciples. So, "A little while, and the world will see Me no more; but you see Me:" You will see Me!
- ***Because I live, you will live also.*** What a glorious hope! Peter said, (1Pe 1:3) *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,* We have a living hope! Why? Because He lives, we too shall live.
- ***So "the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. Our hope for eternal life rests upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*** That makes it more than a hope! It gives to us a living hope, a full and complete assurance, because He rose from the dead!

Joh 14:20 At that day (which began with Pentecost) you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

- **So here we have it all tied up. He is in the Father, the Father's in Him, and He is in us.** So, we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us! We have the Father and the Son dwelling in us!

Joh 14:21 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."

- ***He who has My commandments.*** Again, the commandment is to love one another and to love God!
- ***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.*** That one who loves Him proves that love by obedience to the commandments. Walking in love for each other and walking in love for Him, we have the promise that He will come and manifest Himself to us. So He is going to manifest Himself to the disciples after His resurrection for a period of forty days. (Act 1:3) *to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.*

Joh 14:22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

- **He points out this is not Judas Iscariot. He has already gone on out,** making a deal with the chief priests, collecting his thirty pieces of silver, and getting ready to lead the soldiers to the garden where he knows Jesus will be going when they leave the supper. He knows the place in Gethsemane, where Jesus would go to pray with His disciples.
- **Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?** That is an interesting question and one that we might wonder about. Why did Jesus not after His resurrection go to the chief priest and say, Okay, now you had it! Why didn't He manifest Himself to the world?

Joh 14:23 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 (monay, abode, residence); with him.

- ***We will come*** (not at the judgment, but here and now) ***to him and make Our home with him.*** We will come and dwell with Him. He really does not answer the question of why He is not going to manifest Himself to the world.
- **He further explains the promise. First, My Father will love him;** this He had said before (Joh 14:21), and here repeats it for the confirming of our faith; because it is hard to imagine that the great God should make those the objects of His love that had made themselves *vessels of His wrath.* Jude wondered that Christ

should *manifest Himself to them*; but this answers it, “If My Father will love you, why should not I be free with you?”

- **Secondly, *And We will come to him and make Our home with him.*** This explains the meaning of Christ's manifesting Himself to him, and magnifies the Father. Not only, *I will! But We will! I and the Father*, who, in this, *are one*. The light and love of God are communicated to man in the light and love of the Redeemer, so that wherever Christ is formed, the image of God is stamped.
- **Not only, “*I will show Myself to him at a distance,*” but, “*We will come to him and make Our home with him!* To be near him, to be with him!”** Such are the powerful influences of divine graces and comforts upon the souls of those that love Christ in sincerity.
- **Not only, “*I will give him a fleeting, momentary view of Me, or make him a short and running visit,*” but, *We will make Our home with him*, which denotes uncritical satisfaction in Him and constancy to Him. God will not only love obedient believers, but He will take a pleasure in loving them, will rest in love to them. He will be with them as at His home.**

Joh 14:24 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.

- **He that loves Me will keep My words.** The same idea, he keeps My commandments. *He keeps My words.* As the result, *the Father loves him, I will love him, and We will make our home with him.* Again, “Let not your heart be troubled.” We are going to come and we are going to make our home (abode, mansion) with you. We will love you.”
- **He who does not love Me, does not keep My words!** Again confirming that it is not My word which you hear. I am giving you the Father's words, who sent Me.

*******The Gift of His Peace! – (vs. 25-31)**

Joh 14:25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

Joh 14:26 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.

- **Coming back to this promise, “I will pray the Father, He'll give you another Parakletos.** *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.*
- **So the Helper, the Holy Spirit, is going to come and He is going to be our instructor.** Isn't it wonderful to be instructed by the Author of the Book? It is to me such a blessing to have the Holy Spirit open up my understanding to a passage of scripture. Maybe I have wrestled with it, searched it out in the Greek and tried to really discover the meaning. What did He mean by that? Then suddenly the Holy Spirit just gives you understanding and teaches you. That is what Jesus said the Helper would do. In fact, if you call Him alongside of you, He is the One who is called alongside. So, you call for the help of the Holy Spirit and He begins to unfold the truth of God to your heart.
- **And bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.** He will also bring to your remembrance. After Jesus rose from the dead, then the disciples remembered how He had said unto them and they remembered all of these things after the Holy Spirit had come upon them. A lot of things that Jesus said went over their heads. Whenever He would talk about His death, it would just go right over their head. When He said He was going to rise again, it went right over their head. When He died, they thought it was all over. They thought that was the end.
- **When He was on the road to Emmaus with the two disciples the day He rose from the dead, He said, (Luk 24:25) Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!** He had told them He was going to rise the third day and yet they were speaking disparagingly. He went on and expounded the scriptures to them and their hearts began to burn as He opened up the scriptures to them.
- **So the Holy Spirit then brought to their remembrance the things that He said.** Of course, they recorded them for us in the gospels. We have other quotations of Jesus in the Book of Acts that are not in the gospels as the Holy Spirit brought them to their remembrance.

Joh 14:27 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.

- **Jesus finally gives them this beautiful gift of peace, coming back** to this theme of the troubled hearts. I am going to give you peace! Do not let your heart be troubled! Be at peace! Let your heart be at peace! I am in control! I love you! I am going to prepare a place for you. You are going to spend eternity with Me! I am going to send the Holy Spirit. He is going to help you. He is going to open up the scriptures to you. He is going to remind you of the things that I have said. My Father and I, We will come to you. We will manifest ourselves and We will make Our home with you! *Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

Joh 14:28 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.

- ***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. I think of our loved ones who walked with Jesus and are now have gone to be with the Lord.*** Why do we weep? If we loved them, we would have rejoiced because they have gone to the Father. Why should you weep over that? We weep because we are going to miss them! We weep because they have given such beautiful input into our lives, we are going to miss that. They have loved us. They have accepted us. They have added so much to us, enhancing our lives. We are going to miss that. Thus, we sorrow.
- ***But we do not sorrow as those who have no hope!*** We sorrow because we are thinking about ourselves and what we have lost. So, when we think of what they have gained there in the presence of the Lord, if we love them, we will rejoice!
- ***My Father is greater than I.*** Again, a term that does create some theological debate. I believe that Jesus pointed out that He was equal with the Father. (***Joh 10:30***) *I and My Father are one.*" He said, (***Joh 14:9***) *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'?"* Throughout the Bible, there is that teaching of the equality. (***Php 2:6***) *who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*
- ***But now Jesus is in a body, and in a body, He is experiencing the limitations of this body.*** In this state of being in a body, being subject to the will of the Father, having submitted Himself to the will of the Father, to come and dwell in a body in order that He might give His life for the sinners, in this limited condition of a human body, *For My Father is greater than I!"*
- ***If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said I am going to the Father.*** In chapter 17, He is going to pray, (***Joh 17:5***) *And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.* I want to return to that place and He did. But while He is in the limitations of a body, He said, *My Father is greater than I!*

Joh 14:29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

- ***And now I have told you before it comes.*** I have told you in advance. I have prophesied to you what is going to take place!
- ***That when it does come to pass, you may believe.*** That is really the purpose for prophesy in the scripture. It is one of the strongest apologetics that we have that the Bible is inspired by God. It is a proof that God dwells outside of time and space. The transcendent God outside of time and space so that He fills all and in all. Jesus by ascending to the Father is no longer limited by space to one area. So that He is with us here tonight. He hears the cries of those people who are crying out to Him over in Russia, over in China, over in Europe. All over the world, He is with them as He is with us.
- ***So, I am going back to the Father; Going back to the glory;*** Going back to that state of transcendency so that He might fill all and in all. So, I have told you before it comes to pass so that when it comes to pass, you might believe the fulfillment of My predictions. You will know that I am indeed the Son of God, sent by God to redeem the world.

Joh 14:30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

- ***For the ruler of this world (Satan) is coming.*** Originally, God created the earth and thus it belonged to Him. It was His by divine right of creation. When God created man, He gave to Adam dominion over the earth. But when Adam sinned, eating of the forbidden fruit, He submitted unto Satan's will and Satan's

suggestion. So in yielding to Satan, Satan became the master of this world. Now Jesus addresses him as such.

- **He has nothing in Me.** He is coming but Jesus said, he has nothing in Me. He does not have anything on Me! Jesus had no sin! I am going the way of the Father. I am going to pay the price of redemption. I am going to prepare a place for you and then I will come and receive you unto Myself. Do not let your heart be troubled. You have a glorious future ahead of you! It is with Me eternally!

Joh 14:31 *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.*

- **But that the world may know that I love the Father,” the obedience to the Father,** to the will of the Father. Yes, He will be praying, Father, If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Nevertheless not what I will, Your will be done. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. He said. I am going to prove that I love the Father by keeping His commandments. By submitting to Him, that the world may know that I love the Father. And *as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do.*
- **Love is always proved by obedience to the desires of the one that you love.** That is the proof of love. Submitting, obeying the desires of the one that you love. Much of what is called love today really is not love. That the world may know that I love the Father. And as He gave Me commandments. If you love Me, keep My commandments. That is the proof of it.
- **Arise, let us go from here:** At this point, Jesus and His disciples left the table and slowly made their way toward the Garden of Gethsemane. It seems they may not have left immediately as we will see in (**Joh 18:1**) *When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.*

SUMMARY:

- **The Way, the Truth, and the Life!** – (**Joh 14:6**) *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*
- **The Father Revealed!** - (**Joh 14:9**) *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'?"*
- **The Answered Prayer!** - (**Joh 14:12-14**) *"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 Promises Another Helper!** - (**Joh 14:16,17**) *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.*
- **Indwelling of the Father and the Son!** - (**Joh 14:20,23**) *At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. [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.*
- **The Gift of His Peace!** - **Joh 14:27** *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.*

CLOSING SONG:

(**Joh 14:27**) *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.*

MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU Maranatha Singers (3:11/3:14)

*My peace I give unto you It's a peace that the world cannot give It's a peace that the world cannot understand
Peace to know, peace to live My peace I give unto you
My love I give unto you It's a love that the world cannot give It's a love that the world cannot understand
Love to know, love to live My love I give unto you
It's a love that the world cannot understand My love I give unto you*

CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and study *John Chapter 15!*

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