

John 14 Part 2

Judas has left the upper room. Jesus has given a new commandment to His disciples to love one another as He has loved them. He tells them again of His impending death, and Peter proclaims that he would die for Jesus. Jesus responds "Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice." **TROUBLE!**

HOW TO NOT BE TROUBLED**1. Recieve Jesus**

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2. Refocus Your Eyes on Eternity

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.

3. Rejoice in the Return of Jesus!

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

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

4. Realize You Already Have the Solution to Your Biggest problem

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

There was a survey taken over the course of 6 years (ending in 2008) by the Pew Research Center. *This survey is dealing only with those who claimed religious affiliation as "Christian" which includes Roman Catholics.* Two statements were made, respondents were asked which one they agreed with:

1. "My religion is the one true faith leading to eternal life."
2. "Many religions can lead to eternal life"

- 29% said theirs was the one true faith
- 65% said many religions lead to eternal life
- 53% said Hinduism leads to eternal life
- 69% said Judaism can lead to salvation

- 52% said Islam leads to eternal life
- 42% said Atheism leads to eternal life
- 56% said people with no religious faith could have eternal life.

If there was some other way to obtain eternal life, then why did Jesus have to die?

God has always been exclusive: *"Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: They have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, And pray unto a god that cannot save. Tell ye, and bring them near; Yea, let them take counsel together: Who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? Have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; A just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: For I am God, and there is none else."* Isa 45:20-22

- 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.**
- 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.**
- 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?**
- 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.**
- 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.**

- Jesus is God! He is the express image of the Father! (Heb. 1:3)
- Jesus told the Jews, "I and the Father are one." (Jn 10:24-38)
- Jesus told the disciples, Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. (Jn 13:13)

- Jesus forgave sins, which only God had the authority to do (Mk 2:5-11, Lk 5:20-24)
- Jesus said that he had seen Abraham and that he is eternal: "before Abraham was, I am!" (Jn 8:57-58)
- Jesus said that he had seen God, which no one else could do (Jn 6:46)

The works that Jesus had done there should have caused people to believe. The same works that we read of in the Gospels, as well as the works he has done in our lives should cause us, as well as others to believe!

5. Reset your Perspective to do the Works of Jesus

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also;

1. This is a promise to all believers, not just the apostles
2. We would carry on the works of Jesus
 - o We shouldn't immediately imagine all of His greatest miracles listed so far:
 - Jesus has turned water into wine (John 2:1-11).
 - He has read the mind of the woman of Samaria (John 4:18).
 - He has healed the official's son (John 4:46-54).
 - He had healed the man crippled for 38 years (John 5:1-9).
 - He had fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish (John 5: 1-14).
 - He had walked on water (John 6:19).
 - He had healed a man born blind (John 9:1-7).
 - He rose Lazarus from the dead (John 11)
 - o The works spoken of here are like the works in v.10. Works that cause others to believe. In John 17, Jesus says that one of these "works" is loving one another. We will be "Christ-like."

and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

What does this mean? How can we possibly do anything greater than Jesus did during His earthly ministry?

Hint It has to do partially with the last clause in that sentence.

1. We will do greater works **because** Jesus died, was buried, arose, and ascended.
2. What are the preceding verses all about? Causing others to believe.
3. Paul told the Corinthian church that not all would do all the sign gifts (which are no longer active). It's not miracles, any who believe can do it, and it has to do with the ascension.
4. Remember that whenever Jesus forgave sin, or brought one to faith, it was based on a promise. It was looking to the atonement. Any and all forgiven sins are based upon the cross.
5. You and I have an amazing opportunity to testify (by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit) of the sacrificed, buried, & risen Savior! We get to tell people by the works we do (following Christ with a changed, loving life) about an atonement that has been already paid for!! Rather than a promise for the future, it's an already fully paid ransom!

6. Recognize the Purpose & Power of Prayer

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

This is not a blank check as long as we sign Jesus' name to it. It has a direct link to the previous context. "In His name" means for HIS fame, for HIS glory, lifting HIM up, for the purpose of HIS glory as we do these great works! This shouldn't be removed from the context of our God-given mission.

7. Repent & Recommit your life to Jesus and His Commandments

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

This is a convicting statement. How are we doing with this?

"Take no thought for your life," "Let your light so shine," "Whosoever shall be angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement," "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart," "love your enemies," "pray for them which despitefully use you," "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth...but treasures in heaven," "Seek ye first the kingdom of God..."

8. Rely on the Holy Spirit of God

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

What an amazing truth! The Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Jesus is called “the Comforter!” He is our Advocate, our Encourager, our Helper, our Intersessor!

“Comfort food” brings us joy when we are feeling down, because it tastes great, is usually warming & filling, and takes our attention off of the circumstances of life. A “comforter” for a bed helps you to rest and sleep, by keeping you warm as it softly wraps you. Have you ever thought of the Holy Spirit this way? “Comforter” means also Advocate, Helper, Intersessor, Encourager – Just as a parent cares for his children, or a good friend helps, stands up for, encourages & strengthens, so the Holy Spirit does for us!

The word “another” here is amazing. The Holy Spirit is here in place of Jesus. Just as He was with, encouraged, challenged, empowered, comforted and convicted His disciples, so the Holy Spirit does for us! The Holy Spirit is twisted in the minds of many, to be something He is not.

TRUTHS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. **The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ (v.17-23; Rom 8:5-11; 2 Cor 13:5; Col 1:27; Gal 4:6)**
2. **He is not Loud, Flamboyant, or Boisterous (1 Kings 19:9-18; 1 Peter 3:4)**
3. **He gives wisdom (Ex 31:3)**
4. **He gives boldness (Acts 4:31)**
5. **He gives rest (Isa 63:14)**
6. **He encourages Righteousness (Eze 36:27)**
7. **He accomplishes things that Might and Power Cannot (Zech 4:6)**
8. **He Baptizes us into God’s Family (Matt 3:11)**
9. **He glorifies Jesus (v.15:26; 16:12-16)**
10. **He Leads into Truth (v.16:12-16)**
11. **He Can be Lied to (Acts 5:3)**
12. **He guides us in doing Jesus’ work (Acts 8:29; 11:12; 13:4; 16:6,7; 20:23 ; Luke 12:12)**
13. **He affirms our Salvation (Rom 8:16)**
14. **He communicates our heart’s groanings to the Father (Rom 8:26-27)**
15. **He helps us understand the deep things of God (1 Cor 2:9-14)**
16. **He gives liberty, freeing us from the Law (2 Cor 3:17; Gal 5:18)**
17. **He Assures us of our Glorification (2 Cor 5:1-8)**
18. **He Cries through our heart (because we are sons) to the Father “Abba” (Gal 4:6)**
19. **He Enables us to refuse the flesh (Gal 5:16)**
20. **He Seals us (Eph 1:13, 4:30)**
21. **He Gives us Access to the Father (Eph 2:18)**
22. **He Strengthens us Spiritually (Eph 3:16)**
23. **He Bears Fruit in Our Lives (Gal 5:22,23)**
24. **He can be Resisted, Grieved, and/or Quenched (Acts 7:51; Eph 4:30; 1 Thess 5:19)**

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

“comfortless” is ὀρφανός (*orphanos*) – the word that “orphan” comes from. The Holy Spirit brings us comfort and peace in the same way that an adopted parent or care-giver brings help, peace, and joy to their adopted child!

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Jesus says that those who believe in Him can have REAL life, because He rose from the dead, and He lives within them through His Spirit! Do you want to see Jesus? This is how, until we reach the other side, and see Him face to face!

The Power of God's Presence Joshua 1:1-16

After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, and Moses' death, God gives Joshua the command to lead Israel into the Promised Land.

I. Power to Claim His Promises v.1-6

- A. Going into the Promised Land
- B. Conquering the Promised Land
- * The Key is God's Presence v.5

II. Power to Prosper v.7-9

- A. The Word of God is the Door to Prosperity
- B. The Presence of God is the Key

III. Power to Posses v.10-16

- A. Possessing isn't just ownership
- B. Possessing equals REST

Conclusion: Many times we don't realize the great power that God's Presence brings. We have been missing out on His Promises, His Prosperity, and life He has given us to Posses. We've been missing out on His rest. If any of this describes you, you can make it right tonight.

9. Remember the Promises of Jesus

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

All that Jesus has spoken is of the Father. He has said this numerous times in John (3,8,12,14 as examples). We do not believe that Jesus became God, but rather that God – the GOD, took on human flesh, and became a living breathing, sinless man – Jesus the Messiah of Israel.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

God's Spirit within us will help us remember the teachings of Jesus. He testifies of Him. Specifically in the context, this I believe relates to passages like John 12:16. All that we spoke about previously regarding praying "in Jesus name" applies here in *why* the Father would send the Holy Spirit.

10. Rest in His Peace

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

*"For the prince of this world cometh."—Better, is coming. The approach is thought of as then taking place. For the phrase, "prince of this world," comp. Note on **John 12:31**. The prince of evil is here regarded as working in and by Judas, who is carrying out his plans and doing his work. (Comp. Notes on John 6:70; John 13:2; John 13:27.)"*

*"And hath nothing in me."—The words are to be taken in their full and absolute meaning, and they assert that the prince of this world possesses nothing in the person of Christ. In Him he has never for a moment ruled. For this appeal to perfect sinlessness, comp. Note on **John 8:29**. It follows from this that His surrender of Himself is entirely voluntary. (Comp. Note on **John 10:18**.)" – Elliot's Commentary for English Readers*

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.