
John 14:15-31

(Basic Bible in English)

Jesus is still in the upper room, talking to His disciples, and He has pulled away from the public sector. He's talked about the one who will deceive Him. Jesus gave Judas the last opportunity to repent in his life, but he doesn't take it. He's talking about what's going to happen next. This is the last 24 hours of His life on this earth as a human.

15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments. That's a simple request from our Lord.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; This word "comforter" in Greek means "advocate, someone to be with you, guide you, teach you, and instruct you". He's not going to leave us like orphans. He's already told them that He's leaving, but they don't really understand what's about to happen. The comforter, the Holy Spirit, is with us today.

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. The world always wants tangible things. The world loves the scientific method. Christ, the Holy Spirit, and God the Father are all intangible. There is no so-called tangible proof, but He is there nonetheless. Most people of the world will not accept Christ. Even here in the Bible Belt, many are misled even though they go to church every Sunday and often more than that during the week. They really don't know how to be a Christian yet they claim to be Christian. Dwelling in you – that's the baptism all Christians receive just once. We need to surrender to the Holy Spirit and listen to it once we have it inside us.

18 ¶ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Remember, in less than 24 hrs Christ will be dead.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. Even though Jesus died, He lives again today. He rose from the dead as the ultimate example of how to overcome sin, by living a pure life. Us humans can't do that, but through His forgiveness and grace we are cleansed of our sins.

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. Christ manifests Himself in our lives if you let Him. It's a spiritual connection that's never broken.


22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? This is another Judas – remember, Judas was a very popular name back then. The other Judas has already left to do his evil deed.

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. This is the unique thing about being Christian. Our 1 God, 3 persons, which we cannot understand this concept, our Lord as Christians is with us always as a living God, unlike other religions that worship inanimate wooden or golden statues. Your body is sanctified (set aside for special for God) by the Holy Spirit to be used by God as He sees fit. When you give up yourself to God, you are giving up the right to pursue your personal desires. We Christians need to strive for what God wants, not what we want.

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. Jesus said, be very careful because what I tell you doesn't come from Me; it comes from the Father. This is what I'm here for – to show the Father to the world.

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

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, 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. The Holy Spirit is a great teacher and helps us remember the word of God as we learn it. Teachers of the bible need to get into the Greek and Hebrew translations to bring out the deeper meaning of scripture. English doesn't cover it.



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. Here Jesus tells His disciples, I'm going to leave you some peace, although not an earthly worldly peace. He brings a peace in the spirit realm where we know He's in control.

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. Lots of questions have risen about this verse. Why is Jesus saying He's less than the Father? Remember, He's talking to His disciples, He's in the flesh – came to earth as a human – and in that position He is less than the Father. But He's getting ready to go back to the Father and become the powerful Lord that He is. Don't be tricked by this verse taken out of context.

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 (we don't have much more time to talk. They're all walking down a hall at this time): for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. Jesus is telling them the end of His earthly experience is coming to an end shortly. The prince of the world is Satan. He is still a powerful being and influences all our leaders to keep all our nations upset and in turmoil. Jesus said satan is coming but satan has no sin that he can accuse Jesus of. Satan will use lots of situations to try to drum up one sin, but Jesus is God in the flesh and sinless.

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. Jesus completes this part of His conversation with His disciples and He expects each of us to love one another as Christ loves His disciples and us. If you have a love like God has, a love like Christ has, all the problems in our world will dry up.