

JOHN: THE WORD: GRACE AND TRUTH

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A Brief Review:

³³ Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." ³⁶ Simon Peter *said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered, "Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later." ³⁷ Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You." ³⁸ Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times. **John 13:33-38 NASB**

- Jesus tells his disciples that He is going somewhere soon, and it is somewhere that they could not go. (v33)
- Then He gives a new commandment, that they love one another...at the same level or caliber that He loved them with. (v34-35)
- It is by seeing this kind of love amongst them that people would know they were disciples. (v34-35)
- Peter is persistent, he wants to know where Jesus is going and why Peter can't join Him.
- Peter volunteers to die for Jesus, only to hear from Jesus that he would deny Jesus three times before sunrise. Ouch!!

14 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ 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 you know the way where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. **John 14:1-6 NASB**

- Jesus responds to His followers. (v1-6)
- Don't let your heart be troubled...troubled means agitated, distressed, unsettled.
 - Stop letting your heart be troubled...don't let your heart stay that way.
- Don't be troubled...be believing...have faith...firmly hold God's faithfulness.
- Believe, adhere to God and believe in Me. (v1)
- He answers Peter's question in **John 13:36**...
- Jesus says... "I go to My Father's house to prepare a place for you."
- Jesus is the Lord of Hosts and some incredibly kind of host!

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- He says, “I will come back again and take you to Myself...and we will all be in the same place...”
- Jesus then says, “You know the way to where I am going.”
- Thomas ‘straightens Jesus out’...”We don’t know where You are going, so how can we know the way?”
- Jesus lays it all out...”I AM the Way and the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father except through Me. (v6)
- He doesn’t show the way to God, He IS the way to God...

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people, ⁹if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health. ¹¹He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but* WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” **Acts 4:8-12 NASB**

¹⁶For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For it was the *Father’s* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him. **Colossians 1:16-19 NASB**

⁶Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and overflowing* with gratitude. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. ⁹For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form. **Colossians 2:6-9 NASB**

- He is the embodiment of absolute truth, and He makes us alive with the Life of God.

⁷If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.” ⁸Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. ¹¹Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. **John 14:7-11 NASB**

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- Jesus tells His disciples...“You have seen and know Me and now you have seen and know the Father.” (v7)
- Phillip says... “Just show us, cause us to see the Father and we will be satisfied.” (v8)
- Jesus... “Have I been with you all this time that you still don’t know Me? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father...” (v9)
- “Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me?” (Don’t you believe in the concept of abiding?? **John 15** is next, and it is all about abiding!) (v10)

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority *and* of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (*His*) works (His own miracles, deeds of power). ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the [very] works themselves. [If you cannot trust Me, at least let these works that I do in My Father’s name convince you.] **John 14:10-11 AMPC**

- Jesus explains the ‘partnership’ and how the miracles get done.
- If they are struggling to understand or believe who Jesus and/or the Father are, then believe in the works themselves.

Truly, truly, 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 the Father. **John 14:12 NASB**

...“He will do the very deeds I do”... **v12 Moffat**

... “He will do the very things I am doing” ... **New Testament in Modern English**

... “He will be able to do what I do” ... **Knox**

... “Can Himself do the things I am doing” ... **Williams**

- “And He will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.” (v12)
- Believers will be able to do what they had seen Him do and heard Him say, and greater things, things they had never seen or heard would be theirs to do once Jesus returned to the Father and poured out the Holy Spirit.
- He says... “The things I do, you will do” ...Like, what things??
 - Changing water to wine. (**John 2**)
 - The cleansing of the temple. (**John 2**)
 - The prophetic conversion of the woman at the well and the conversion of much of Samaria. (**John 4**)
 - The healing of the royal official’s son. (**John 4**)
 - The healing at the pool in Bethesda. (**John 5**)
 - Feeding the 5000. (**John 6**)
 - Jesus walks on the water. (**John 6**)
 - The immediate trip across the water. (**John 6**)
 - The release of the woman caught in adultery. (**John 8**)

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- Healing the man born blind. (**John 9**)
- The resurrection of Lazarus. (**John 11**)

¹³ Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. ¹⁵ "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. **John 14:13-15 NASB**

- Praying in the name of Jesus.
 - Praying in the name means praying in the sum total of who that person is...representing all that He is.

¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. **John 1:11-13 NASB**

²³ Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing. **John 2:23 NASB**

- Jesus' chief desire in answering our prayers in bringing glory to God and then fulfillment to us.
- I think some of those prayers are ones that complete the 'things' Jesus was doing and the greater things!
- Ask Him...anything that has God glorifying results...
- Love and obedience are non-identical twins. (**John 14:15**)