

JOHN: THE WORD: GRACE AND TRUTH

John 14:15-31

***<sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and He will give you another helper, so that He may be with you forever; <sup>17</sup> the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> After a little while, the world no longer is going to see Me, but you are going to see Me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> The one who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him."***  
**John 14:15-21 NASB**

- Love and Obedience- Twin Powers
  - In **v15** Jesus says, "If you love Me you will obey Me. Keep My commandments."
    - "If you love Me, you will lay My commandments to heart." **V15**
    - Jesus speaks to the issue of loving and obeying in **v15** and the very next thing He says is terrific!!
    - In **v16** He says. "I am going to the Father to get help for you. He will empower us to love as He loves and obey as He did.
    - In the Amplified Bible (AMPC) it reads:
      - I will give you another helper, comforter, counselor, intercessor, advocate, strengthener and stand by. **V16**
      - He is the Spirit of Truth. **V17**
      - He is with you and will soon be within you!
      - Jesus says in **v18**. "I am not leaving you as 'orphans'. I will come to you again."
      - He came to us first in the Holy Spirit and then comes again in His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.

***<sup>21</sup> The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.] John 14:21 AMPC***

***<sup>34</sup> I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another."*** John 13:34-35 NASB

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***1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. John 14:1 NASB***

***11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. John 14:11 NASB***

- Jesus has explained the union of relationship; He is in the Father, you are in Jesus and He is in you so believing in His Word, following His Word, making room for His Word is counted as loving Him.

***3 And this is how we may discern [daily, by experience] that we are coming to know Him [to perceive, recognize, understand, and become better acquainted with Him]: if we keep (bear in mind, observe, practice) His teachings (precepts, commandments).***

***4 Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep and obey His commandments (teachings) is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him. 1 John 2:3-4***

***18 Little children, let's not love with word or with tongue, but indeed and truth. 19 We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will set our heart at ease before Him, 20 that if our heart condemns us, that God is greater than our heart, and He knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and whatever we ask, we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. 24 The one who keeps His commandments remains in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He remains in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. 1 John 3:18-24 NASB***

***5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the [a] Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves the child born of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and follow His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whoever has been born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:1-5 NASB***

- We find four aspects of being a child of God:
  - Loving God

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- Loving each other. Loving people with the love He loves us with.
- Believing in His son Jesus.
- Keeping His commandments
- These things ignited by faith result in victory over the world, the flesh and the devil.
- The awesome promise in John 14:21, Jesus says that when we love and obey His commandment, that He and the Father will love us and reveal themselves, to us. "I will let Myself be clearly seen by Him and make Myself real to Him." **v21 AMPC**

### **The Spirit of God: Translating love into obedience. (John 14:21-25)**

- Jesus equates love with obedience. (**v21**)
- Obedient love brings the love of the Godhead to us and brings a deeper disclosure of Jesus to us.
  - He will reveal Himself, manifest Himself to us.
  - He will let Himself be clearly seen. (**1 John 5:1-5**)
- Loving obedience produces a reciprocal abiding. (**John 14:23-25**)
  - Disciplined Intimacy: passionate and principled, intentional and intimate, fervent and faithful.
  - Disciplined intimacy – being able to find God in the secret place and say 'yes' to Him; and then make the same choice 'out there' as you did in the secret place.

### **Judas asks a question and Jesus answers it.**

***<sup>21</sup> The one who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him." <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) \*said to Him, "Lord, what has happened that You are going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him. <sup>24</sup> The one who does not love Me does not follow My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. <sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you while remaining with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful. <sup>28</sup> You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in regard to Me, <sup>31</sup> but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let's go from here. John 14:22-31 NASB***

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- Judas wants to know why Jesus isn't doing for the whole world what He just promised to those who believe.
- Jesus replies, "Those who love me will keep My word and those who keep My word are loving Me and My Father and I will make our abode, our dwelling place with them."
- Jesus and the Father will live with believers in a powerful way. Present and Prevalent!!  
**v23-25**
- When the helper, the Holy Spirit comes. He will teach you ALL things and remind you of what I have told you. (John 13:34-35 and John 14:1 and v11, for example)
- The Holy Spirit will represent Me, act on My behalf and teach you.
- The impact of John 14:27-31, a life changing story for me.

### **The Holy Spirit: Sent to teach us all things. (John 14:26-31)**

- He will teach us what we need to know for the moment and for moments to come.  
**(v26)**
- He will remind us of the truth already spoken or shown to us. **(v26)**
  - He will remind us of the cleansing and pruning words that will enable us to abide and obey so fruitfulness is not diminished.
- Jesus is leaving the disciples, but He is leaving His peace...His Spirit of Peace. **V27**
- Jesus gives them these truths to prepare them ahead of time for the pressure and darkness to come. **(v28, 29)**
- Jesus sheds light on His I.D. and His M.O.
  - Satan has nothing in Jesus. No claim, no hold, or authority. **(v29,30)**
  - Jesus is Light...NO darkness in Him.
  - Jesus' M.O. – He did everything to prove to the world that He loved the Father. (This motive is the fruit of abiding in Him and His word abiding in you.) Abide and lovingly obey, that's how Jesus lived.