

Christ Community Church Bible Study
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Week 17-- John Chapter 14 The Way, The Truth and the Life

Outline

- I. **The Way, The Truth and the Life (vss 1-6)**
 - a. Let not your heart be troubled
 - To whom was Jesus speaking?
 - Why did Jesus make this statement?
 - b. His announcement of his imminent departure troubled the hearts of His closest followers
 - i. Troubled: from the Gk. *tarasso*. To be unsettled, stirred up, agitated, disturbed
 - ii. “It denotes mental agitation from fear or perplexity, an upheaval in the spirit” (Word Wealth, Spirit-Filled Life Application Bible)
 - c. The role of belief or faith in settling an unsettled spirit (vs 1)
 - d. Jesus establishes the purpose of his imminent departure—to prepare a heavenly place for His followers—a place where there is plenty of rooms for all who would follow.
 - e. Jesus contends that the place to which he is going is a familiar place to the disciples, and the way to the place they already know.
 - f. Thomas, confused, asks, “we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way”
 - g. To which Jesus declares: You know the way because ***“I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”***
 - i. The 6th I AM Statement.
 - ii. I Am the way (to the Father)
 - iii. I Am the truth (about God)
 - iv. I Am the life
- II. **The Father Revealed (vss 7-11)**
 - a. Jesus establishes His Oneness with the Father (7-11)—Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness (I Tim 3:16)
 - b. Jesus is the physical embodiment or human manifestation of God (vs 9)
 - c. There is an ‘**In**’tertwining or ‘**In**’meshing: I am in the Father and the Father is in me (vs 10)
 - d. The works that Jesus performed bore witness to the power and authority that was His from the Father—he acted on behalf of the Father (e.g., Power of Attorney)
- III. **The Answered Prayer (vss 12-14)**
 - a. The Works Promise: To do “greater works” are promised to his Disciples
 - i. Greater in scope and number (we are not to reach more than him but we are to reach more through Him)

- ii. Because of faith (the one who believes)—that is to be activated by the Word of God
- iii. Because Jesus was going to the Father—and empowered through the Holy spirit that would be given after he ascended to the Father
- iv.
- v.
- b. The Prayer Promise: “And 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.” (vss 13-14)
 - i. “Prayer offered in the name of Jesus is in accord with His revealed nature and purpose and has the full weight of His authority behind it.” (Spirit Filled Life Application Bible, p. 1469)
 - ii. What it doesn’t mean
 - 1. We can’t ask anything and just slap a closing “in the name of Jesus on it.”
 - What it does mean
 - As followers of Jesus, we are to operate on His behalf. To do anything in his name is to do it in his authority and according to His will.
 - Power of Attorney—gives me the legal right to act on a person’s behalf, doing what is in the best interest of that person and to make decisions as if the person was making them for themselves.
 - As disciples or followers of Jesus we are to act, operate, live in such a way that we are acting on His behalf, so that when we pray we pray with the full authority of heaven behind us b/c we are praying in Jesus’ name or praying on His behalf, so to speak.
 - Look at I John 5:14-15: “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know we have the petitions that we have asked for.”
 - Look at John 15:7
“If you abide in Me, and my words abide in You, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” When you abide in him and His words abide in you, his words shape your desires, your inner world. And out of the abundance of that inner life, you speak, you declare, you affirm, you pray.
 - TPT: If you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done.

- NLT: “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted.” What you want will align with His words.
- NET notes:
 - **Remain or abide in him**—that comes when we are established in Him, when we enter His Kingdom, enter into relationship. Remaining in Him is proof the genuineness or authenticity of our relationship.
 - **Words remain in us**-- to align with Him, to obey, to follow to heed

IV. Jesus Promises Another Helper (vss 15-18)

- a. Evidence that we love Jesus is keeping His commandments (vs 15)
- b. Another Helper or another Comforter
 - i. There are two Greek words that can be translated another—*allos* and *heteros*
 - ii. *Allos*—is another of the same kind and quality
 - iii. *Heteros* is another of a different kind
 - iv. Jesus promises to send another helper or companion of the same kind as he was and is to His followers.
 - v. The Holy Spirit is the helper of the same kind as Jesus, the Spirit’s Presence provides continuity with what Jesus did and taught.
- c. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth (vs 17)
- d. The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father in the name of Jesus (vs 26)
- e. The Holy Spirit will teach you all things (vs 26)
- f. The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all things that Jesus said to them (vs 26)
- g. Jesus promises not to leave us as orphans, abandoned and comfortless—theologically there are two images that get at this: we are born again through the Spirit and we are adopted (Eph 1:4-6)

V. Indwelling of the Father and the Son (vss 19-24)

- a. Jesus declares His departure even more plainly but promises to be present for the Disciples—he spoke of the Presence of the Holy Spirit or Helper who was to come
- b. In the Father ← Jesus ← Disciples in Jesus → Jesus in the Disciples

VI. The Gift of Peace (25-31)

- a. Jesus provides further assurance
- b. Vs 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”

VII. Applications and Implications

- a. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid—we have the promises of Jesus given to his followers and we can hold on to remain in and stand on his word

- b. We play a role in how our heart feels rests and responds. We have some control in not letting fear overtake us and trouble us into inaction doubt or distraction. We must remember the One who is in control—the One whom Jesus pointed his 1st century followers to.
- c. If you are in Christ, these promises are for you.
- d. If you allow his words to remain in you, you have more power than you realize
- e. The Holy Spirit has been given to remain in each of us to do for us what Jesus would do if he was here still in the flesh
- f. Jesus left his peace and His peace remains through the Spirit and His word