

John 14:15-31 **Love Jesus by Keeping His Commandments**

Keep My Commandments to receive the Holy Spirit

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

I will come to you

18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Reward of Love demonstrated by obedience

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

The Word is the Fathers

24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

Spoken while I am with you

25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

The Holy Spirit will teach you

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Jesus' Peace

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.

Rejoice because I am going to the Father

28 You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

Foretold that you may believe

29 And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

Ruler of this world

30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

Jesus' obedience is evidence that He loves the Father

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Keep My Commandments to receive the Holy Spirit

- ✠ "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. [John 14:15-17]
- ✧ **We demonstrate our love for Jesus by keeping His Commandments.**
- ✧ Jesus will respond by asking the Father to send us the Holy Spirit Helper, to abide with us forever.
- ✧ **The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth.**
- ✧ The World cannot receive the Holy Spirit, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him.
- ✧ The Saint knows the Holy Spirit, because He dwells with you and in you.

I will come to you

- ✠ I will not leave you orphans; **I will come to you.** [John 14:18]
- ✧ The promise of Jesus to come to us is done in the person of the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father gives to those who love Jesus and keep His commandments.
- ✧ The Holy Spirit abides with us forever. [John 14:16]
- ✠ "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, **but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.** [John 14:19]
- ✧ Jesus is promising that after He is crucified and buried, the world will no longer see Him.
- ✧ But after the resurrection, His own will see Him, which they did in His appearances for the next 40 days, and they will then be eye-witnesses of His resurrection.
- ✧ The resurrection of Jesus, is evidence to assure the believers that they will also live after death, just as they see Jesus living in His resurrection body.
- ✧ "Because I live, you will live also." This promise has encouraged the Saints throughout the ages since Jesus died, was buried, and rose again.
- ✠ **At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.** [John 14:20]
- ✧ The day the Holy Spirit will come and take up residence with us and in us, is the day we will know that Jesus is indeed in the Father and in us, and we in Him.
- ✧ That day came on the Day of Pentecost, when Peter declared that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was proof that Jesus had ascended to the right hand of the Father, received the promised Holy Spirit, and had poured the Spirit out on the believers with all the accompanying signs, of which they were partakers and witnesses. [Acts 2:1-40]

Reward of Love demonstrated by obedience

- ✠ **He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.** [John 14:21]
- ✧ The evidence of our love for Jesus is found In our obedience to His commandments.
- ✠ **And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.** [John 14:21]
- ✧ If we demonstrate our love for Jesus and the Father by our obedience to His commands, we have the promise that we will be loved in return by the father and by Jesus, and Jesus will come and manifest Himself to us.
- ✠ Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" [John 14:22]
- ✧ Judas (not Iscariot) asked how that manifestation would take place.

- ✠ Jesus answered and said to him, "**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.**" [John 14:23]
- ✧ Jesus repeated the conditions, "**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word.**"
- ✧ The result will be the love of the Father and Jesus as they make their home with the obedient believer.

Evidence of disobedience – No love

The Word is the Fathers

- ✠ **He who does not love Me does not keep My words;** and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. [John 14:24]
- ✧ Those who do not obey Jesus, do not love Him, this is a true statement of fact.
- ✧ The Word of the teaching of Jesus, is from the Father Who sent Jesus.
- ✧ Jesus does not speak arbitrarily, but is faithful to deliver the true Words of the Father.

Spoken while I am with you

- ✠ "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you." [John 14:25]
- ✧ The ability to disclose the things coming, is an attribute of God Most High. [Isaiah 42:8-9, 44:8]
- ✧ Jesus told us the things that were to come to pass so we would know what to expect after His departure.

The Holy Spirit will teach you

- ✠ **But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.** [John 14:26]
- ✧ The Gift of the Holy Spirit is the focus of this particular discourse.
- ✧ The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father in the Name of Jesus.
- ✧ The function of the Holy Spirit is to take the things of Jesus and reveal them to the believers, teaching them to understand the message given by Jesus. [John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13-15]
- ✧ He will also bring to our remembrance all the things Jesus has said.
- ✧ Something can only be brought to remembrance after it has been put into the memory by careful study of the subject, then when needed it may be brought back to remembrance.
- ✧ The work of the Holy Spirit does not take the place of study of the Word of God, He only helps us understand and use what we have learned by bringing it to remembrance when needed.

Jesus' Peace

- ✠ 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. [John 14:27]
- ✧ Jesus leaves us with His perfect peace, in the knowledge of the things to come, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the expectation of the end result of living faithfully for Him.
- ✧ His departure from this earth is for our advantage, so we will be able to receive the enablement the Holy Spirit provides.
- ✧ When we know how it ends, the fear of the present is taken away.
- ✧ This is what helped Jesus go through all the suffering and agony leading to His death. Jesus, knowing "the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." [Hebrews 12:2]

Rejoice because I am going to the Father

- ✠ You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' **If you loved Me, you would rejoice** because I said, '**I am going to the Father,**' for My Father is greater than I. [John 14:28]

- ✧ Death and departure to Heaven is cause for rejoicing on the part of those who lost the loved one, because we know they are going to be in the presence of the Father and of Jesus, along with all the Saints who have gone before.
- ✧ Our love for the Saint who has died, can be expressed in the joy of our confidence of their destination.
- ✧ The Father in Heaven is even greater than Jesus our Lord.
- ✧ To God the Father goes all final glory, praise and exaltation through Jesus.

Foretold that you may believe

✧ And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

[John 14:29]

- ✧ Jesus, like God, has revealed the things to come for the purpose, **that you may believe**, when you see it come to pass.
- ✧ John wrote his Gospel with the same purpose, "and truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written **that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and **that believing you may have life in His name.**" [John 20:30-31]

Ruler of this world

✧ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. [John 14:30]

- ✧ Jesus time for further teaching is short, because the **hour** given to Satan is rapidly approaching. [Luke 22:53]
- ✧ Satan is the ruler of this world of sin and evil.
- ✧ Satan has nothing in Jesus to boast about, because the death and resurrection of Jesus completely defeat the works of the devil. [1 John 3:8]

Jesus' obedience toward the Father is evidence that He loves the Father

✧ But **that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do.** Arise, let us go from here. [John 14:31]

- ✧ Jesus had declared that our obedience to His commandments is the evidence of our love for Him. [John 14:15, 21, 23]
- ✧ In the same line of thinking, Jesus demonstrates His love for the Father by his obedience to the command of God that required the death of Jesus on the cross for the atonement of the sins of mankind.
- ✧ All that Jesus did here on earth was in loving obedience to God the Father.
- ✧ Thus He became the perfect example for His Saints to follow.
- ✧ Passover supper, being over, it is time to go on from there.