

Sermon Title: "The Precious Promise of the Presence of God"

Scripture: John 14:15-24

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INTRODUCTION

I. LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED...

A. ...you, who love Jesus, will share in His glorious work.

- 1) When it comes to loving and obeying Jesus, one is the root and the other the fruit.
- 2) When it comes to loving Jesus, we don't love Him graciously but <u>responsively</u>.

Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:19 -

3) When we love Jesus, we love His word, His commands, because they reflect His character.

Why is this the case? Why is there this inseparable link between loving Jesus and loving His Word?

B. ...the entire Godhead (all Three Members of the Trinity) is <u>for</u> you!

1) Jesus promises the Holy Spirit, who is "another Helper"; One who will never leave us!

Note: This word "Helper" is the Greek word "paraclete" and it essentially means "helper", "advocate", "one who comes alongside".

Note: Jesus does NOT use the word "heteros" in talking about the Holy Spirit; He uses the word "allos", which means "another of the exact <u>same</u> kind".

Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1 -

2) Jesus explains that this Helper is in fact the "Spirit of truth" who will reside in every believer.

Reason #1: This directly links and connects Jesus and the Holy Spirit together.

Reason #2: This title ("Spirit of truth") helps identifies how this Helper will work and function!

Reason #3: This title anticipates the Spirit's <u>role</u> in inspiring the writing of the New Testament!

2 Peter 1:21 -

C. ...God will never abandon you but will abundantly provide His life and His presence.

D. ...you are securely loved, kept, and protected in the Godhead.

Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 15:22; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:18-19 -

E. ...through the indwelling Holy Spirit, God lives in you, demonstrating His grace and glory.

Note: The word Jesus uses here translated as "home" occurs only <u>one</u> other place in the New Testament, verse 2 of this same chapter.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16 -

Note: Jesus' words help us understand the truth of the Trinity and the deity of the Holy Spirit.

F. ...because all that Jesus says here is, in fact, the gracious will and desire of the Father.

Take Home Questions for Further Study & Reflection & Application...

- 1. When it comes to love and obedience to Christ, which one is the root and which one is the fruit? Why is it important to make this distinction?
- 2. Why don't we love Jesus "graciously"? What does it mean to love Jesus "responsively"?
- 3. Why does Jesus call the Spirit "another Helper" and the "Spirit of truth"? What does this teach us?
- 4. In what ways do these verses emphasize each Member of the Trinity?
- 5. What, in these verses, do you find most comforting as you live your Christian life?