

The ONE who is The Way, The Truth, and The Life

John Chapter 14

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-6; 25-31

People experiencing the loss of a loved one and the bereavement that ensues often have difficulty integrating their state of loss with their questioning sense of what comes next. How do we go on in life without them? We do not even like to talk about death, but death does not go away, and the potential of loneliness does not delay simply because we resist discussing it. Death is a reality we must face forthrightly because this world is not the ultimate reality.

But what to the disciples was a puzzling revelation of a future reunion with the Lord becomes the foundation of the present Church's relation with the living Lord. For us today, Easter has happened! With it the life of the age to come has become the life of the Church today. The present reality and intensely personal nature of the fellowship with Christ is explained in terms of Christ's resurrection in the past, and His imminent return in the future. The risen Lord discloses himself to *anyone* who loves him and keeps his word (v 21); to such the Father and the Son will come and anticipate the fellowship of the Father's house in present dwelling with the believer.

This part of the Upper Room Discourse is intended in part to deal with our anxiety concerning loneliness. Indeed, John 14 confronts this issue squarely. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you may claim every single one of these assurances.

1. You Have a Home in Heaven (John 14:1-5)

- If this wasn't true, He wouldn't have promised us.

2. You Know the Father Because of Jesus (John 14:6-11)

- Because of Jesus we can now come to the Father. Jesus is the Way because He is also the Truth and the Life.
- Because of Jesus we now know what God is really like! Jesus is the visible, tangible image of the invisible God. He is the complete revelation of what God is like. To know Jesus is to know God. The search for God, for truth and reality, ends in Christ. (Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:1-4.)

3. You Have the Power of Prayer (John 14:12–15)

If God is going to answer our prayers and give us peace:

- *We must pray in faith (v. 12).*

The “greater works” are the things accomplished by Jesus’ disciples through prayer in His Name.

- *We must pray in Christ’s name (vv. 13–14).*

The name of Jesus pointed to his attributes, his person, and all that he had accomplished. It was no mere magical formula, but a confession of dependence, trust, and confidence in the person and work of Jesus the Messiah.

- *We must pray in loving obedience (v. 15).*

True obedience is not unwilling or dutiful conformity to an external standard, but rather is a joy-filled reaction to the initiative God has taken in showing us His love in Jesus.

4. You Have the Holy Spirit (John 14:16–18)

The coming of the Holy Spirit is premised on the reality of the resurrection:

“I will come to you...you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live”.

5. You Enjoy the Father’s Love (John 14:19–24)

The three-fold proof of God’s love:

- There was a past demonstration to the disciples (vv. 19–20).
- There is a present demonstration of Himself to believers (vv. 21, 23–24).
- There will be a future demonstration when Jesus Christ returns (v. 19).

6. You Have His Gift of Peace (John 14:25–31)

Final Thoughts:

"Don't let your heart be troubled," Jesus said. "Believe in God. Believe in Me.

" Therefore, I can either drown in doubt or I can choose to say,

1. "Thank You, Father, that I'm going to heaven.
2. Thank You that I can know Your nature because I can see it in Your Son.
3. Thank You that I can talk to You freely because of the privilege of prayer.
4. Thank You for the ministry of the Holy Spirit to us.
5. Thank You for your Unconditional, Fatherly love to us.
6. Thank You for the peace you give to me in Jesus Christ.

In obedience to Your command, Lord, I will not let my heart be troubled."