

The Comforter Promised

John 14:15-31

God Will Never Leave You Comfortless Or Alone

A. Promises For The Obedient (14:15-17)

1. The Pattern of Obedience (14:15)

1 John 5:2-3

2. The Prayer of Christ (14:16)

1 Timothy 2:5

3. The Provision of the Holy Spirit (14:16)

2 Peter 1:3

4. The Permanence of the Holy Spirit (14:16)

John 6:51

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A. Promises For The Obedient (14:15-17) - continued

5. The Properties of the Holy Spirit (14:17)

a. Leads to truth by truth

John 16:13

b. Given by God to believers

1 Corinthians 2:12

c. Provides answers in trials

Mark 13:11

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B. Pressing Needs For The Disciples (14:18-26)

1. To see Christ (14:18-20)

John 20:19

2. To love Christ (14:21)

3. To understand Christ (14:22)

**4. To live in Christ by having Christ live in you
(14:23-24)**

5. To hear Christ now (14:25)

Isaiah 55:6

6. To respond to the Holy Spirit (14:26)

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C. The Peace of Christ (14:27-31)

1. Unparalleled (14:27)

2. Unrealized (14:28-29)

3. Undermined by unbelief (14:30)

4. Undefeated (14:31)

Continue
John 15:1-17

Christ encourages continued faithfulness

I. Continue In Christ (15:1-8)

A. Beware of Counterfeits (15:1-2)

1. There is only one true vine (v 1)

John 15:1

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Isaiah 5:7

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Isaiah 43:11

I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

I. Continue In Christ (15:1-8)

A. Beware of Counterfeits (15:1-2)

2. There are only one set of true branches (v 2)

John 15:2

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

John 10:16

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

I. Continue In Christ (15:1-8)

B. Be fruitful (15:3-5)

1. Be clean (v 3)

John 15:3

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Psalm 119:9

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

I. Continue In Christ (15:1-8)

B. Be fruitful (15:3-5) - continued

2. Be connected (v 4)

John 15:4

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

3. Be complete (v 5)

John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

I. Continue In Christ (15:1-8)

C. Be faithful (15:6-8)

1. Faithlessness exposed (v 6)

John 15:6

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

2. Faithfulness encouraged (vv 7-8)

John 15:7-8

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

II. Continue In Love (15:9-12)

A. Follow the Father (15:9)

John 15:9

**As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you:
continue ye in my love.**

B. Follow the Son (15:10)

John 15:10

**If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;
even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and
abide in his love.**

II. Continue In Love (15:9-12)

C. Find true joy in Christ (15:11-12)

1. That lasts (v 11)

John 15:11

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

2. That lives (to fulfill) (v 11)

2 Thessalonians 1:11

Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power:

II. Continue In Love (15:9-12)

C. Find true joy in Christ (15:11-12)

3. That loves (v 12)

John 15:12

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

1 John 4:7-9

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

III. Continue In Christ's Commandments (15:13-17)

A. To be Christ's friend (15:13-15)

1. Made by the sacrifice of Christ (v 13)

John 15:13

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

1 John 3:16

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

III. Continue In Christ's Commandments (15:13-17)

A. To be Christ's friend (15:13-15) - continued

2. Made by the surrender to Christ

John 15:14

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

III. Continue In Christ's Commandments (15:13-17)

A. To be Christ's friend (15:13-15) - continued

3. Made by the sense of Christ

John 15:15

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

James 2:23

And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

1 Corinthians 15:13-17

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

III. Continue In Christ's Commandments (15:13-17)

B. To be Christ's fulfillment (15:16-17)

1. The commissioned of God (v 16)

John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

1 Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

III. Continue In Christ's Commandments (15:13-17)

B. To be Christ's fulfillment (15:16-17)

2. The commanded of God (v 17)

These things I command you, that ye love one another.

a. As His people

Psalm 100:3

Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

III. Continue In Christ's Commandments (15:13-17)

B. To be Christ's fulfillment (15:16-17)

2. The commanded of God (v 17) - continued

These things I command you, that ye love one another.

b. As His witnesses

Acts 5:32

And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

III. Continue In Christ's Commandments (15:13-17)

B. To be Christ's fulfillment (15:16-17)

2. The commanded of God (v 17) - continued

These things I command you, that ye love one another.

c. As His workers

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Continue In Christ!!