

JOHN 14; September 24; Jesus Promises the Comforter

ANALYSIS:

1. To whose question did Jesus say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"? _____
2. What things are true of the person who has Jesus' commandments and keeps them? _____
3. Who is the "Comforter" Jesus promised, and what will he do for the disciples? _____
4. What does Jesus teach his disciples about peace? _____

5. By what means does Jesus show the world that he loves the Father?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

This chapter begins with Jesus comforting his perplexed disciples. "Let not your heart be troubled ... I go to prepare a place for you ... I will come again ... there ye may be also." It closes with Christ giving them his peace to reassure their hearts and remove their fear. In between He teaches that he which hath seen Him hath seen the Father. If those words are hard to believe, then believe because of His works. He offers them great promises regarding prayer through His name. He tells them of the coming and ministry of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. He promises that both He and the Father will come and make their abode with the person who in love keeps His words. What a chapter of comfort!

Jesus challenged his disciples to accept what He told them and to "rejoice." Is not the key in the words, "If ye loved me, ye would rejoice"? Do we love Him and rejoice in all He reveals, even in all His commandments? Every word -- whether prohibition, command, limitation, promise, whatever -- is pure and for our blessing if we love it and He who gave it.

HELP:

1. Jesus is answering Thomas' question, "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way" (v 5).
2. That person proves he loves the Lord, and he shall be loved of the Father, Jesus will love him and will manifest Himself to him (v 21).
3. The Comforter is the Holy Spirit, called the Spirit of truth (vs 17, 26); who will abide with the disciples forever, dwelling with and in them, teaching and bringing to their remembrances what Jesus had told them (vs. 16-17, 26).
4. Jesus leaves His peace with them as His gift, it is not the peace of the world. He tells them not to be troubled or afraid (v 27).
5. By doing the Father's commandment, even unto crucifixion (v 31).