

# "The Spirit of Truth...Will be in You!"

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## John 14:15-31

<sup>15</sup> "If you **love** me, (you will) **keep my commands**.

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the **Father**, and he will **give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever** – <sup>17</sup> **the Spirit of truth**.

The world cannot **accept** (receive) him, because it neither **sees** him nor **knows** him. But **you know him**, for **he lives with you and will be in you**.

<sup>18</sup> **I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you**.

<sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but **you will see me**. **Because I live, you also will live**.

<sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize (know) that **I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you**.

<sup>21</sup> Whoever has my **commands** and **keeps** them is the one who loves me. Anyone who **loves me** will be **loved by my Father**, and I too will love them and **show myself to them**."

<sup>22</sup> Then **Judas** (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "**Anyone who loves me will obey** (keep) **my teaching** (word). **My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them**.

<sup>24</sup> Anyone who does **not love** me will **not obey** (keep) my teaching. These word[s] you hear are not my own; they belong to the **Father** who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you.

<sup>26</sup> But **the Advocate, the Holy Spirit**, whom the **Father** will **send in my name**, will **teach you** all things and will **remind you** of everything **I have said to you**.

<sup>27</sup> **Peace** I leave with you; **my peace I give you**.

I do **not** give to you **as the world gives**.

**Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid**.

<sup>28</sup> "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that **I am going to the Father**, for the **Father is greater than I**. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. <sup>30</sup> I will not say much more to you, for the **prince of this world is coming**. He has no hold over me, <sup>31</sup> but he comes so that the world may learn that **I love the Father** and **do exactly what my Father has commanded me**.

Come now; let us leave.

## 1 John 2:1-2

<sup>1</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have **an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ**, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

## I John 3:23-24

<sup>23</sup> And **this is his command**: to **believe** in the name of **his Son, Jesus Christ**, and to **love one another** as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Those who keep his commands **live in him**, and **he in them**. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it **by the Spirit he gave us**.

## Romans 8:9-10, 31-34

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if in fact **the Spirit of God dwells in you**. Anyone who does not **have the Spirit of Christ** does not **belong to him**. <sup>10</sup> But if **Christ is in you**, although the body is dead because of sin, **the Spirit is life** because of righteousness. ...

<sup>31</sup> ... **If God is for us**, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then can condemn? No one. **Christ Jesus who died** – more than that, who was **raised** to life – is at the right hand of God and is also **interceding for us**.

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## Jesus Leads the Disciples Deeper

In his last evening with the disciples before his death, Jesus is preparing them (and us) for the action of his death and resurrection and for the whole life that he is opening for humans through this world-changing event, the death of God.

He loves them, washes their feet, knows their betrayal/denial, commands love.

Jesus continues to open their vision. *“I’m going to prepare a place...you know the way.” “I am the way...” “You have seen the Father.” “Show us the Father.” “If you have seen me...” “I am in the Father and the Father in me.”* Focus on Jesus.

## Love and United Will

The basis for all that follows is love for Jesus that keeps his commands/his word.

You can’t love God except as God, creator, giver of life, center of truth. Jesus is the face of God. He defines God’s nature/commands. A personal relationship of love is primary (trust, believe), then “keeping commands” is free devotion.

This Love and Obedience is what Jesus lives out in his incarnation.

Jesus’ commands: You must let me wash your feet: Trust me to be your Lord in unexpected ways. Follow my example. Love each other as I have loved you.

## The Advocate/Helper/Counselor

God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit create and empower new life in this new Love.

Jesus promises the Spirit in a new way as Advocate/Helper (*Paraclete*). God gives his own life/reality/truth, living with and in Jesus’ followers. New relationship.

God, the judge of all, on our side, our advocate. Helping us stay in his word.

This is not a temporary mystical experience, but a solid new creation-I live; you live.

We are drawn into the life of God: I in the Father; you in me; I in you. Amazing!

Jesus says “I am coming to you.” “The Father and I will make our home with you.”

A new life unknown since Eden, fulfilled in the New creation, a reality now.

## Peace that Overcomes Fear

What Jesus is and does overcomes all fear, leaves peace. Not our courage or personal strength but his eternal self-giving love, death, resurrection.

We receive it, meditate on it, let the Spirit teach us, live it, love in return, find peace in a world filled with trouble. An active, working peace, like Jesus’ love.