

“LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED”

INTRODUCTION

At the last Passover before Jesus' death, He spoke of His departure back to the Father. (Read John 13:33, 36). Now, in John 14, He encourages the disciples with a promise (Read John 14:1-3). This promise applies to us secondarily, if we enjoy the benefits of His life here, and anticipate His future return. Our study at this time is entitled, "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled," which is taking the first 6 words of John 14:1.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, we observe that CHRIST'S PROMISE RESTS ON FAITH.

Text: "Ye believe in God, believe also in me."

A. The word "believe" means "to adhere to, to trust, to rely on."

1. The disciples already believed in God the Father. Cf Heb. 11:6
2. Now, they and we, are ALSO to believe in Jesus, and rely on His words. John 8:24
 - a. Peter joined Jesus with the Father in Caesarea Phillipi. Matt. 16:16
 - b. The Ethiopian treasurer also joined both together. Acts 8:37

B. Our faith is based on scripture, while the disciples based theirs on the Old Testament and the living words and Jesus while they were with him. John 20:30-31; cf Rom. 10:17

II. 2nd, we observe that HEAVEN IS THE FATHER'S HOUSE.

Text: "In my Father's house are many mansions."

A. God is located where the "mansions" (or rooms) are, in heaven. Matt. 5:48; 6:9; 23:9

1. The "house" of God in this passage IS "heaven", which compares to the Most Holy Place of the Old Testament tabernacle and temple.
2. The "house" which is the "church" compares to the Holy Place of the Old Testament tabernacle or temple. 1 Tim. 3:15

B. Each redeemed Christian shall receive a NEW "house", or body, in Heaven in the day of the resurrection. 2 Cor. 5:1-4

1. The word "mansions" in John 14 is from the Greek word *mone'* which simply means an "abode" or dwelling place. cf v. 23
2. Other translations often translate the original word in the Greek as "dwelling places", meaning there is room for all disciples.

III. 3rd, we observe that CHRIST HAS GONE TO HEAVEN.

Text: "I go to prepare a place for you."

A. The CROSS stood between Jesus and heaven, and He had to fulfill His mission before returning to heaven. Matt. 26:39; Heb. 5:8-9

B. Jesus said He was going TO the Father, in order to prepare a place for the disciples by fulfilling His role as redeemer.

1. He offered His blood (figuratively) for man's atonement. Heb. 9:12, 25
2. He became head of the church. Eph. 1:22-23
3. He became King of His kingdom. Dan. 7:13-14

4. He became our High Priest. Zech. 6:12-13; Heb. 10:21
5. He became our mediator and intercessor Heb. 9:12-15

IV. 4th, we observe that JESUS IS COMING AGAIN.

Text: "I will come again, and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye shall be also."

- A. This is one of many passages that declares the second coming of the Lord.
 1. Angels declared His return. Acts 1:9-11
 2. Paul wrote that He will come again. 1 Cor. 15:23-24
 3. Peter also stated He will come again. 2 Pet. 3:10

- B. Christ's "coming again" is basically two-fold.
 1. 1st, He is going to receive His disciples, or take them away. 1 Thess. 4:13-18
 2. 2nd, the disciples are to be where He has gone, and **not** where "they" are now.
 - a. He said "where I **am** (when He went away, dt) **there** you may be also.
 - b. He did not say He was going to set foot on the earth, and live and reign from Jerusalem for a thousand years.
 - c. He said He was going, so it is essentially "where I am going", which was heaven.

CONCLUSION

- I. The promise of John 14 was **not** for the benefit of the apostles only, but for our benefit as well.
 - A. It will be a day of **gladness** for those that "look" for Him in preparation and anticipation. Heb. 9:28; Tit. 2:13; Matt. 24:34
 1. Only the faithful will not let their hearts be troubled.
 2. The lost will be troubled indeed,.

 - B. It will be a day of **sadness** for those who do not look for Him in preparation. Mark 13:32

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II. Are you ready for His coming?

- A. We have no way of knowing when He shall return, so we need to be ready every day.

- B. It will come suddenly and unexpectedly . 1 Thess. 5:1-3
 1. Only Christians ARE prepared, because they have confessed their faith in Jesus as the Son of God, and have put Him on in baptism.
 2. Only **faithful** Christians are prepared, because they have faithfully worshiped and served the Lord in living righteously.

III. If you are not ready, won't you come to Jesus now, and be saved?

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