

Loving Jesus and Getting His Spirit

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❖ Intro

❖ Recap

❖ **If You Love Jesus, You Will Keep His Commands**

- ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”
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➤ **His Commandments**

- **If we fail to understand this... We will fail to understand what He means...**
 - ◆ So what does He mean here...
 - The greek word means: a charge or command or precepts
 - In vs 23 and 24 He says... whoever keeps my words...
 - **I Think there may be two ways to see this**
 - ◆ 1) He has commanded us to believe in Him
 - 1 is Faith
 - ◆ 2) He has given us specific moral commands to follow
 - 2 is Faith in Action

➤ **1) The First one is what He says when He says:**

- Receive me in 1:12
- Follow me in 1:43
- Believe in the light in 12:36
- Believe in God in 14:1

- Believe in me in 14:11
- **So, when He says, If you love me you will keep my commands...**
 - He means that that person will Believe in Jesus...
 - They will follow Him
 - They will receive Him...
- **It is that initial act on our behalf whereby we get saved...**
 - It is similar to what Jesus told the crowd
 - **John 6:28-29** ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”
- **Remember: Number 1 is Faith**
- **Practically it looks like this:**
 - **This is how things look from our view point... from our side...**
 - This is not to explain to you exactly what God is doing to our unbelieving heart from His end
 - **A Person is living out their life... They may be 7 or 70**
 - They may have heard things about God or maybe not
 - They may have strong opinions about God and eternity and maybe not
 - They may be living life oblivious to the fact that they will die and be judged...
 - **Then One day...**
 - They are confronted with the true Word of God...
 - Maybe they read some of the Bible
 - Maybe it was read to them
 - Maybe a friend explained the gospel to this person
 - Maybe they remembered something they were taught from God’s word as a Child...
 - **And through the Holy Spirit’s Working and the word of God in their heart...**
 - They hear His Word...
 - And they are going to have to respond...
 - Either to believe what they hear, or push it away and not believe it...
 - **If they love Him...**
 - They will believe, They will receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior...
 - And they will be saved...
 - **So, there, we have the initial act of loving Jesus...**
 - Now... only time will tell if this was a true love for Jesus, or a false one...
 - Which will lead us to the second side of this coin...
- **2) The Second One is our Response**
 - It is Faith in Action...
 - It is our Responding actions resulting from our love...
- **Look at how Jesus puts it in these verses...**
 - ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
 - ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.
 - ²³ If anyone loves me, he will keep my word
- **Our keeping of His Commands or Words.... Are a result of our love for Him...**
 - We keep His moral commands because we love Him...
 - He is not saying... That keeping the commands is what leads to love...
 - Rather, keeping His word is a result of the love we have for Him...
- **And this just makes good sense doesn’t it...**
 - When we love anyone... we do certain things for them
 - Whether it be our love for our spouse or our children or friends..
 - Our love is shown by what we do for them and with them...

- **This second one is a bit tricky... so I want to explain just a little bit...**
 - The question may come up... Well... I thought I loved Him, but I failed to do what He says...
 - I have disobeyed Him many times...
- **The answer:**
 - First, I do not want to let us off the hook here...
 - I do not want to say... Well, that happens to everyone, so it is no big deal...
 - But I do want us to see, that this has happened to everyone that is saved
 - Even the disciples...
 - And I want us to see there is a growth in this love...
 - **We are growing in our Love for Jesus... And it is explained in our Sanctification**
 - That process of God working in us...
 - Our growing up in the faith...
 - If we are saved... we should be growing in Christ...
 - Learning from our mistakes
 - Receiving His forgiveness...
 - Falling down and getting back up again based on His grace...
- **The Amount of Love We Show toward Jesus Will Result in the Amount of Him we Know....**
 - **First... I want you to see, God's love is primary... it always has been first...**
 - And his love toward us will never waver...
 - It will never be more or less than it is now...
 - **But, I believe there is a sense to which as our love for Jesus grows...**
 - His showing us Himself grows...
 - IN vs 21
 - **And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."**
 - He is speaking of the giving of the Spirit here...
 - He says... He who loves me, will be loved by my Father...
 - And I will love him and manifest... or show myself to Him....
 - **From experience... We know as we are obedient to Jesus... The more we grow in Him...**
 - ◆ This is not to say we do not grow from our failures... because we do..
 - ◆ And some of God's greatest gifts of grace come to us through our sins...
 - **But know this:**
 - If you truly want to behold the face of Jesus... to know Him in a greater way...
 - Love Him... Spend time with Him in His word and prayer
 - Spend time loving others as HE loves you...
 - Spend time giving of your resources
 - Spend time giving of your time for Him...
 - And I believe you will see how great and wonderful He is...
- **Ok... so now... let us look at the result of loving Jesus...**
 - In vs 23 Jesus says this...
 - **and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.**
 - He says... that we (Father and Son)... will come and make our Home with him...
 - Very interesting... lets see what He means...

❖ **God Puts His Own Spirit into those Who Love Him**

- **¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.**

➤ **He Will Give Another Helper...**

- This word literally means... One who comes along your side to help you and to instruct you...
- **He says... Another Helper...**
 - The sense of this word another
 - Means one “just like” or “Similar”
 - Not a different one...
 - There is another greek word for “another” that indicates that...

➤ **To be With You Forever**

- So... this is a great truth... and one not to be overlooked...
- Remember our great verse we use so often to explain what happens when a person gets saved
 - **Ezekiel 36:25-27** ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.
- **This is everlasting...**
 - The Spirit will never be taken from you...
 - Even when you sin... even when you struggle...
 - The Spirit is given FOREVER...
- **He will be with us Forever...**
 - There is no need to fear that He will be taken away when we do not
 - Live up to His standards...
- **A Word of Caution**
 - We are called to examine ourselves...
 - To make sure we are in the Faith... to make sure we truly are saved...
 - To make sure we really were given the Spirit...
- **Another Word of Caution**
 - We can quench the Spirit
 - We can resist Him to an extent at time..
 - And He can almost become hidden from us...
 - Not because he went anywhere...
 - But because we have closed our eyes or hardened our hearts to Him...
- **When we do this...**
 - We have no spiritual strength...
 - And we feel as if we are alone....
 - But the great thing for us... is that He is there... always as our helper...
 - In a greater way than even having Jesus with us in bodily form on the earth...

➤ **The Spirit of Truth**

- Why is He called This...
- Because He tells us the truth... He reveals to us the truth...
- And we can trust Him in this... He helps us weed out all the fallacies that we are faced with...

➤ **The World Can not receive Him**

- The World... The unbelievers... Those that reject Jesus...
- They will not get to see Him... or know Him...
- They can not have this Spirit because they do not know Him....
- **The world had God in the flesh for a little while...**
 - And they crucified Him...
 - So He left them... they did not know Him... right... John 1

- **But you know Him... He dwells with you and will be in you**
 - So Jesus explains to them... the extent of what they will have...
 - He knows they are worried...
 - And He lets them know... nothing is gonna change all that much...
 - I am gonna send you the Spirit of Truth a Helper
 - **And you already know Him... He dwells with you now...**
 - So Jesus probably meant He dwells within me, so He is dwelling with you now...
 - But I also believe He is speaking of Himself...
 - Because of what He says next...
- **He will not leave us as orphans**
 - ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.
 - **I love how He puts this... How great are these few verses... We see the love of Christ for us**
 - I will not leave you... I will come to you...
 - Jesus is letting them know, that even though He is leaving... He is going to come to them...
 - **Won't be orphans...**
 - You will not be alone in your mission for me...
 - You will have a provider... I will provide your food and drink and shelter for the mission
 - I will provide it spiritually and physically...
 - I will come to you...
- **Tells them what the Helper will do**
 - ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
 - Defines the Helper again... but here... He calls Him the Holy Spirit...
 - He says the Father will send Him...
 - And he will teach then all things, and bring to remembrance all that He said...
- **This is exactly what the Spirit did, and continue to do...**
 - The holy Spirit came in the place of Jesus... as His Spirit
 - And He reminded them of the words of Jesus...
 - They did not have God in human form with them any more...
 - **And He helped them remember...**
 - So they wrote it all down for others to have...
 - And now we have the Bible... full of God's word...
 - **2 Peter 1:20-21 ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**
- **This continues to this day**
 - The Holy Spirit even now...
 - Helps us in our reading and understanding of the Bible...
 - So long as we rely on Him more than self
 - Or others that have twisted God's word...
 - So long as we are faithful in our reading...
- **When we read...**
 - He will help us understand
 - He will help us remember what we read...
 - It will come back when we need it...

- Maybe we need it when we are tempted...
- Maybe we need it when we are sharing Jesus with someone else...

➤ **Application:**

- You need to know this... You need to experience this, Christian...
- God lives in you... And many of you do not even realize the extent of this...
- So... First... Believe Him... Believe Him when He tells you this...
- **Then try it out... Pray to the Holy Spirit of God**
 - Ask Him for Help when you read the word
 - When you need help against sin
 - When you need power
 - When you need guidance...
- **If you ignore Him, or do not realize He is there...**
 - You will not experience Him
 - He is in you and He convict you of Sin...
 - Listen to Him...
 - Submit to Him...
- **Know He is there...**
- **Jesus dwells within Us...**
 - He have God within us...
- **We need to stop living like we have no spiritual power...**
 - There is nothing impossible for God...
 - There is nothing that He will call you to do, that He can not accomplish in you...
- **One example:**
 - You think those apostles didn't wonder aloud...
 - You want us to preach the gospel to all nations... hmmm
 - Well.... Jesus... One problem... We speak Hebrew... and some of us greek... but not all to well...
 - How are we gonna tell all these people about you... when we can't understand them
 - And they can not understand us...
- **Jesus says simple...**
 - I will come to You...
 - The Holy Spirit will live in you and through you...

❖ **The Spirit of God in Us Gives Us Peace**

- ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

➤ **Peace With God...**

- **Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid...**

❖ **So They May Believe**

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➤ **Jesus tells them all this ahead of time so they will believe**

- So their faith will be strengthened

❖ **Invitation**

- He has said all this so we will believe
- So they unbeliever will come to Him
- So the believer's Faith will grow