

Promises, Promises

John 13:36-38; 14

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The favorite concept of Jesus in John 13-14 is, _____.

Remember that half of John centers upon the last week. The Farewell Discourses reveal “The Last Will and Testament of Jesus.” We really need to read—and listen. As we do so notice these precious promises given to us by Jesus...

1. HEAVEN

Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered, “Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later.” Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster shall not crow, until you deny Me three times. “Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me” (13:36—14:6).

What was on Peter’s mind in verses 33 & 36? Jesus _____ him. Peter had some lessons to learn. But the main lesson was: Jesus was to _____ for Peter before Peter would be asked to _____ for Jesus.

Heaven is described as a _____ (2 Peter 1:11), an _____ (1 Peter 1:4), a country (Hebrews 11:16), a _____ (Hebrews 11:16), and a _____ (John 14:2).

Jesus is the _____, the _____ and the _____ (John 14:6). Jesus is the only way to heaven!

2. GOD IS OUR FATHER

“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.” Philip *said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus *said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, ‘Show us the Father’? “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

“After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will live also. “In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) *said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. “He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me. (14:7–11; 19–24).

The word know is in John _____ times. There are four levels of knowing: : (1) fact, (2) meaning, (3) relationship, and (4) an intimate communion. We must work our way through these levels.

3. PRAYER

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (14:12–15).

“Why pray when you can _____?” asks a plaque that I have seen in many homes. One of the best remedies for a troubled heart is prayer.

“O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear;
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.”

Jesus said, “Use My name.” This is not a “_____” that we automatically attach to our prayer requests, guaranteeing that God will answer. This is both a privilege and responsibility. Notice: Prayer is answered only when it glorifies God! Literally, to pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as He would pray.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (14:16–18).

The promised Paraclete cannot be translated into plain English. The term means _____, helper, lawyer. Literally, it means one called upon in time of need. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of comfort and truth. He will not work *instead of us or in spite of us*. He will work *through us and with us*.

5. PEACE

“These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. “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 said to you. “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. “You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. “Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. “I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here. (14:25–31).

The world bases its peace on its *resources it fails miserably*, while God’s peace depends on *relationships*. We have relationships with God, Jesus, others, and ourselves. Our peace is determined in these relationships. In the world, peace is something you hope for or work for; but to the Christian, peace is God’s _____ gift, received by faith.