

Let's Worship God

15th-20th February 2021

John





THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO J O H N

Monday - John 14:12-17 - Promises

Jesus sees that His disciples are troubled and afraid at the thought of being left alone in the world. He cheers them up by three promises, specifically suited to their circumstances.

First, Christ makes a promise about the work that Christians will be doing. Jesus is talking about the far greater number of conversions, the far wider spread of the Gospel, which will take place under the ministry of the apostles, than under His own teaching. “Greater works” means more conversions. There is no greater work possible than leading a soul to Christ. Jesus gives His servants more success than He had Himself. This shows His visible presence is not necessary for His kingdom to progress. Christ has promised fruit from our labours of telling others about Him.

Secondly, Christ makes a promise about prayer. He says that what we ask for in His name, we will get. Every one who kneels daily before God, and prays from his heart, can take comfort from these words. Weak and imperfect as our prayers may be, as long as they are put in Christ’s hands and offered in Christ’s name, they won’t be in vain. Whatever is really good for our souls, we don’t need to doubt we will have, if we ask in Christ’s name. Why do so many Christians have so little peace and strength? They have little, because they ask little. They do not ask their Lord to make them better Christians. He who does much for Christ will always prove to be one who prays much.

Questions

1. What does Jesus see about His disciples?
2. What is the first promise He gives them?
3. What is the second promise He gives them?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would grow in our prayers.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.” John 15:8

Praise: Psalm 122 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Tuesday - John 14:12-17 - The Holy Spirit

The third promise Jesus gives His disciples in these verses is the promise of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a Person not just an influence or inward feeling. He is called 'the Spirit of truth.' It is His special job to apply truth to the hearts of Christians, to guide them into all truth, and to make them grow by the truth.

The Holy Spirit is One whom the world does not understand. The inner feelings of conviction, repentance, faith, hope, fear, and love, which He always produces, are precisely the part of Christianity, the world can't grasp.

The Holy Spirit lives in believers. They know the feelings that He creates, and the fruits that He produces, though they may not be able to explain them, or see at first where they come from. But they all are what they are - new men, new creatures, light and salt in the earth, because of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is given to the Church to be with them until Christ comes the second time. He is intended to supply all the needs of believers, and to fill up all that is missing while Christ's visible presence is gone. So everything you could have had if you were there with the disciples in the actual visible presence of Christ, you can have today through the Holy Spirit living within you. Believers have lost nothing through Christ returning to heaven. What an amazing promise!

Questions

1. What is the third promise Christ gives His disciples?
2. What is the Holy Spirit like?
3. What does He do for us?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the Holy Spirit.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - John 14:18-20 - Life in Christ

Christ's second coming is to be the comfort of believers. In a sense we are orphans until Christ comes again. Our best things are yet to come. Faith has yet to be exchanged for sight and hope for certainty. Our peace and joy are at present very imperfect: they are nothing compared to what we will have when Christ returns. For that return let us look, and long, and pray.

These verses also teach that Christ's life secures the life of His believing people. There is a union between Christ and every true Christian. The man or woman that is once joined to Him by faith, is as closely united as a body part is united to the head. So long as Christ his Head lives, he will live; he cannot die unless Christ can be taken from heaven and destroyed, but this is impossible. Christ's life gives us not only spiritual life but continual spiritual life. We will not fall away; we will persevere unto the end. Christ's life also gives us resurrection life. Just as He rose again from the grave, because death could not hold Him one moment beyond the appointed time, so shall all His believing members rise again, in the day when He calls them from the tomb.

Finally we learn from these verses that full and perfect knowledge of the things of God will not be ours in this life. The Fall has corrupted our understanding as well as our heart and will. Even after conversion, we see things darkly. But one day we will be in heaven. Sin will no longer affect our understanding, and we will be able to serve God perfectly.

Questions

1. How can Christ's second coming comfort us?
2. What does it mean to be united with Christ?
3. What has affected our knowledge?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for union with Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." John 15:8

Praise: Psalm 124 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Thursday - John 14:21-26 - Obedience

Keeping Christ's commandments is the best test of love to Christ. It isn't talking about Christ, but doing His will and walking in His way, that is the proof of our being true believers. Good feelings and desires are useless if they are not accompanied by action. Living and doing well are the only real evidence of grace. Where the Holy Spirit is, there will always be a holy life.

Now, we are not to think that keeping Christ's commandments saves us. Our best works are full of imperfection. We are saved by the grace of God, not because of anything we have done or can do. Keeping Christ's commandments is just the outworking of new life. We love Him, so we want to do what He says.

There are special blessings for those who love Christ and prove it by obeying Him. Walking closely with God will bring us comfort, joy, and peace. Happiness comes with holiness.

These verses also show us that one part of the Holy Spirit's work is to teach and help us to remember things. Our Lord knows the ignorance and forgetfulness of our nature. He graciously promises that when He leaves the world, His people shall have a teacher and reminder. We should pray daily for the help of the Holy Spirit. It is His job to illuminate the soul, to open their eyes of understanding, and to guide us into all truth. He can make dark places light and rough places smooth. He can keep the truth in our minds and make us ready for every good word and work.

Questions

1. What does keeping Christ's commandments show?
2. What blessings are found in obedience?
3. Are we saved by what we do?
4. What is one of the Holy Spirit's jobs?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would be more obedient.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." John 15:8

Praise: Psalm 125 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Friday - John 14:27-31 - Peace

Peace is Christ's special gift to His people. He seldom gives them money, easy times, or earthly prosperity. Inward peace of conscience, coming from a sense of forgiven sin and reconciliation with God, is a far greater blessing. This peace is the inheritance of all believers, whether rich or poor. The peace which Christ gives is especially His own to give, because He bought it by His own blood, purchased it by His own substitution, and is appointed by the Father to give it to a dying world. The peace that Christ gives is not given as the world gives. What He gives the world cannot give at all, and what He gives is given willingly, for all eternity, and is never taken away. We have no reason to be afraid. If we will only look by faith to the one true Saviour, there is medicine for every trouble of heart.

Our Lord wants His disciples to know that Satan is about to make his last and most violent attack on Him. The devil is mustering all his strength and evil to test Christ in Gethsemane and on Calvary. But Christ declares, "He has no hold on me." There is no weak point. Jesus has kept His Father's commands and finished the work He has been given. Satan cannot overthrow Him or condemn Him. Christ is the only one on whom Satan has no hold. Jesus is a Lamb without imperfection, a suitable Sacrifice for a world of sinners. We should thank God that we have such a perfect, sinless Saviour, that His righteousness is a perfect righteousness, and His life a blameless life. In ourselves and our actions there is plenty of sin, and if we had no other hope than our own goodness, we would despair. But in Christ we have a perfect, sinless Representative and Substitute.

Questions

1. What does Christ give to His people?
2. What is it like?
3. What kind of sacrifice is Christ?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would know the peace of Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." John 15:8

Praise: Psalm 126 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Saturday - John 15:1-6 - The Vine and the Branches

The union between Christ and believers is very close. He is the Vine, we are the branches. In themselves believers have no life, or strength, or spiritual power. All that we have comes from Christ. We draw out of Jesus a continual supply of grace, help, and ability, just like the branch gets its life from the vine. We have no reason to despair and think we will never reach heaven. We are not left to ourselves and our own strength. Because Christ lives, we will live also. Our Root is in heaven and never dies.

These verses also show us that there are false Christians as well as true ones. There are branches that appear to be joined to the vine and yet bear no fruit. There are many who claim to be Christians but whose union with Christ is only outward and formal. Some of them have been baptised or are members of the church, some can talk loudly and well about God. But they are missing one thing. There is no grace in their hearts, no faith, no inner work of the Holy Spirit. They are not united to Christ. Their end, unless they repent, will be destruction. They will be separated from the company of true believers, and cast out as withered, useless branches into everlasting fire.

The fruits of the Spirit are the only satisfactory evidence of a man being a true Christian. The disciple that “abides in Christ,” like a branch abiding in the vine, will always bear fruit. What is fruit? Repentance toward God, faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, living a life of obedience - this is fruit. God will even use hardship and trial to make Christians more holy, to draw them away from the world and to Himself, so that they bear much fruit.

Questions

1. How is Christ like a vine?
2. What is the evidence of a man being a true Christian?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God’s Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.” John 15:8

Praise: Psalm 127 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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