

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

JOHN 14:15 - 17

“THE GOODNESS OF GOD AS SEEN IN THE HOLY SPIRIT”

Introduction

I. The Connection Between Love and Obedience

Note: Loving Jesus and obeying Jesus is NOT the same thing! One is the ROOT and the other is the FRUIT. (John 14:15, 21, 23, 24)

A. How We DON'T Love Jesus: GRACIOUSLY.

Romans 5:8 - “...God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

B. How We DO Love Jesus: Responsively & Reflexively

1 John 4:19 - “We love BECAUSE He first loved us.”

2 Corinthians 4:6 - “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give (it is a gift!) the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

Galatians 6:14 - “But far be it from me to boast EXCEPT in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

C. The FRUIT of Loving Jesus: Loving His Word

Now why is this such a big deal??? Why is there this inseparable link between loving Jesus and loving His Word???

Note: The commands of Jesus... the words of Jesus... are an expression of the character of Jesus.

For instance... God says: “Thou shalt not lie.” and “Thou shalt not murder.”

John 14:6a - “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

John 8:44b-44 - “He [the Devil] was murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

II. The Coming Helper, the Spirit of Truth

1) We see the entire Trinity at work!

1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16b -

2) We see Jesus promising “another Helper”, who will NEVER leave us!

Note: This word “Helper” is the Greek word “paraclete” and it essentially means “helper”, “advocate”, “one who comes alongside”.

Note: Jesus does NOT use the word “heteros” in talking about the Holy Spirit; He uses the word “allos”, which means “another of the exact same kind”.

Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1 -

3) We see that this “Helper” is the Spirit of Truth who resides in every believer.

What does this name/title mean? Why does Jesus call the Holy Spirit the Spirit of truth?

- This name directly links/connects Jesus and the Holy Spirit together!
- This name identifies HOW the Helper will work and function!
- This name anticipates the unique work the Spirit will accomplish through inspiring the writing of the New Testament! (John 14:26)

2 Peter 1:21 - “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.”

So where do we go from here? What’s the “next step” after considering these verses?

- Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ? How is that love made manifest in your life?
- Do you see His commandments, His mission, His directives as an expression of His character & nature? Is there an aspect of God’s character you need/want to further study?
- Are you excited to be continuing & sharing in the very work of Jesus?
- Do you recognize the precious gift you’ve been given in the Holy Spirit? Are you, in any way, hindering the work that the Spirit wants to accomplish in Your life?
- Are you ignoring parts of His word or are you gladly/joyfully reading & studying & memorizing the Word of God thus inviting the Spirit to do His refining/sharpening work?
- Who can you share this truth with? Who, within your sphere of influence, needs to be encouraged and built-up by the truth you’ve considered today?