

Problem: 14:15, 21, 23, 24, 28

do you love me? what does a personal relationship to Jesus look like?

Text:

A personal relationship with Christ

John 14:15 ¶ **"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.**

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Helper**, to be with you forever,

John 14:17 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**.

John 14:18 ¶ "I will not leave you as orphans; **I will come to you**. (double meaning)

John 14:19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

John 14:20 In that day you will know that **I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you**.

to be with forever - why is this so significant

- alienation from God and one another- Gen 3:8-12 (our parents) ; Eph 2:11-16 (us)

dwells - union with one another union with God - 1 Cor 6:19-20 (compare OT temple)

at the moment of salvation- 1 Cor 12:12-13; Eph 1:13-14 united to God and one another...

- Eph 1:22-23 (body)-do not dismember the body

- Eph 2:19-22 (building)-do not destroy the building

- Eph 5:25-32 (bride) - do not stain the bride

His commandments - John 13:34-35

looks like obedience

John 14:21 **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**."

John 14:22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will **manifest** yourself to us, and not to the world?"

John 14:23 Jesus answered 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 home with him**.

John 14:24 **Whoever does not love me does not keep my words**. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

John 14:25 ¶ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

John 14:26 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**.

love linked with commandments - why is this so significant

- autonomy, freedom through cosmic treason

- John Paul Sartre - Gen 3:1-5 (our parents) -disobedience as self deification - Phil 3:17-19 (us)

all that I said - the Word made more sure - 2 pet 1:16-2:3 and obedience

and feels like peace

John 14:27 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**.

John 14:28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' **If you loved me**, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

John 14:29 And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.

John 14:30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,

John 14:31 but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

hearts troubled - Jn 14:1 why is this so significant

-> autonomy...leads to anxiety - Gen 3:6-7 (our parents) ; Col 2:8, 16-23 - fig leaves (us)

peace IN Him - Rom 5:1 (peace through Him)

Implication: and IN Him Jn 16:32-33 -

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application: do you have a personal relationship - Phil 4:4-9 -falling plates

Main Idea:

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looks like obedience

and feels like peace

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Application:

do you have a personal relationship
do you love and follow His Word
do you feel secure even in this troubled world

do you love me- will you follow me?

Articles for further study:

<http://www.gty.org/resources/positions/P15/the-ministry-of-the-holy-spirit>

<http://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-obedience.html>

<http://www.jonathan-edwards.org/Peace.html>