

**John 14:15-31****15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

Love must come first it is the whole reason we obey Gods Commandments. Love is what motivates us to obey. It's not out of plain obedience to His law for fear of consequence, it's our Love for the Lord that we obey. Personal affection will produce personal obedience.

Just as there are some people in this world that you would be willing to do anything for them. We see the Lord as such a one we are willing to do anything for, The Loving Faithful abundantly good one, the one we would do anything for. The one we want to please and do what He says.

LOVE is the spring and source of all holy living--love to the Holy One. By keeping our Lord's commandments, we are doing that which is most pleasing to Him and will most glorify Him.

The verse begins *if ye love me*. *We need to* Take note of every commandment that concerns us as believers. If there is a commandment which you do not delight in, (*think not necessary to to*) this ought to be a warning to us that there is something wrong in your heart that needs setting right. (*C. H. Spurgeon*). If we really do Love Him nothing will be too difficult to obey.

Let me show you what I mean by just looking at two verses.

- Lie not to one another- is a command yet so many people say well its ok if it's just a little lie. If it doesn't grieve you to tell a lie, this should be a warning to you that your heart is hardened, if we really love Him I will obey.
- Do not love the World not love the things of the World. Understand the things we are so tempted to love in the world are no friends of God. The whole world lies under the sway of the evil one. Darkness and death rule. Not physical darkness but spiritual darkness. As a child of God, I've been translated out of darkness into His glorious light. I cannot let the worlds ruling principles and ways dominate my life. Always wanting more, seeking Gain, constantly seeking pleasure and Enjoyment as my Central principles. No I am a child of God I've been commissioned like Paul to hold forth a testimony of LIGHT and LIFE *"I send you to the Gentiles to turn them from darkness into light, from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive an inheritance, among them that are sanctified by faith in me."*

**Here is the plain test-** Love that doesn't want to obey is no love at all.

Love lives as Christ would have lived.

When Love is in our hearts His love should colour every area of our lives. \*. Like a water fountain when a colour is added to the water, it colours every drop of the water. Love must colour every drop of our lives.

**16 And I will pray the Father**, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Before The Lords Departure there was no abiding Holy Spirit. When he left, He gave us comforting words, like the good Samaritan, He poured in oil and wine. And we see what He promised-” I will send you another Comforter- (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthenener, Standby) one who shall be just what I have been, yes but even more. He shall console you in your sorrows, remove your doubts. He will comfort you in your afflictions and stand as the one called to be alongside to support you on earth, one who will speak in favor on your behalf, *an intercessor*. One who would do that which I would have done, if I had stayed with you.” It is The Lord who promised the Holy Spirit, the Lord who prayed and asked the Father for the Holy Spirit. He who who would ABIDE with us forever. Not just an occasional influence, but one who would be with you always and in us, in fellowship, His personal presence; *in* us as an indwelling personal energy, that springs to life.

**17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive**, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

He enables the spiritual man to see what the Natural man can not see. He enables us to see the truth of the Word of God clearly and with discernment. Once we see the truth we value it and treasure it. **He gives willingness to know the truth and a right heart for the reception of the truth.** The World doesn't value the Truth, nor does it value the Spirit of truth.

A celebrated French beauty contracted the dreaded smallpox. It disfigured her once beautiful face terribly. Her friends would gently try to explain but she couldn't hear. She asked questions but they didn't answer clearly. Eventually she called for a mirror and looked at her face seeing all her beauty had gone, in a fit of rage, she smashed the mirror. The mirror had told her the truth about herself. She didn't want to know and see... **In the same way the Spirit of Truth tells us about ourselves and** shows us our ugliness. The world rather than see the truth and know the truth about themselves deny His existence and cannot receive Him. The people of the World can't hear the doctrines of the Bible, they are uninterested in them and hate them, they love not the truth. They would not want the Holy Spirit to reveal truth to them. **Yes one side of the ministry of The Spirit of Truth is that He exposes deception**, removes error, and teaches the knowledge of the true God – **But the same Spirit of Truth shows the way to Him**, saves from vanity and false hopes, and establishes solid and true happiness in the souls of all those who believe.

To all the born-again ones they know Him as a spirit of illumination, regeneration, and conversion: For He lives in our hearts and has taken up residence in His Temple.

**18 I will not leave you comfortless** (orphans): **I will come to you.**

**The Promise of the Holy Spirit as the Comforter.**

1. Intimate and unbreakable union between Christ and his disciples, like that between Christ and God.

2. The marvelous access in prayer through Christ's name.
3. I am going to prepare a place for you where you can have a home of your own; where you will be relieved from all the burdens of this life here." We can see the comforting power of this thought.

We must remember this, that when our concept of heaven is vague, so will our comfort on earth be lacking substance. When our conception of heaven is clear and When I have assurance that I am His. I'll say farewell to every fear And wipe my weeping eyes. The Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding. I see because He has opened my eyes.

I read a very moving paragraph I'd like to share with you. The miserable life that most Christians live, their guilty distance from God, arises in a great measure from the fact that hazy and indistinct are all of their ideas of the world to come, and the powers of the world to come do not get hold of them. A preacher of old put it like this. "used this language, *"Oh, if some island of the blessed could be loosed from its heavenly moorings and float down on the stream of time and pass just once before our view, that we might see the serenity of its skies and inhale the fragrance of its flowers, and catch the sheen of the apparel of its inhabitants, and be enchanted by the inexpressibly sweet melodies and songs of that glorious country, then never again would we be satisfied with this world."*

That is what upheld Abraham: "He sought a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God." And all of the Old Testament saints by faith declared that they sought a country, that is, a heavenly country. That is the way our Lord comforts. When we see by faith -the invisible things of heaven, it has an uplifting power, it has an attracting power, higher above the earth, nearer to God all the time.

When I am gone from you; **I will come as the spirit of truth to guide you into all truth**, The Holy Spirit will stand by you, and assist you in preaching the truth, and He will enable you to bear a faithful and glorious testimony.

**19** Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too shall be raised. The Holy spirit shows us this truth. The whole reason we have life is because Christ the Life giver shares it with us. In the Old Testament He is known as the LIVING GOD. We are not comfortless, when *we know that our Redeemer lives*.

**20** At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

At **that day**, meaning that day when the Holy Ghost should come upon them and open their minds the clearer understanding of these things; ye shall know, that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. You shall know that you have passed from death to life, you shall know that you have new life in Christ. Union and communion.

**21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.** "He that really loves Me, and proves his love by his life, that one shall be specially loved by my Father. My Father loves those who love Me."

While God has love and compassion and pity on general men and woman, on even sinners, this is a special love He has for His own. Quite simply He is a Father to those who Obey Him and receive His word. Those who reject His word, and reject Christ cannot call Him Father. Another encouragement to the man who strives to keep Christ's commandments. Christ will specially love that man, and will give him special manifestations of His grace and favour, invisibly and spiritually. **He will feel and know in his own heart comforts and joys that wicked men and lukewarm people know nothing of.** The "manifesting" of Himself here spoken of is a purely unseen and spiritual thing. It is one of those things which can only be known by experience, and is only known by holy Christians who truly LOVE GOD.

**22** Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

**23** Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me,** he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

**24** He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

These verses dominate all that comes from now, to the end of the Chapter.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

**26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

The Lord is no longer going to be on earth to instruct us, but the Holy spirit who the Father will send in my name – in my place – He will teach you all things.

**1. Love learns and desires to know.** If a man love me He will keep my words- the verse of the double **all things**. **Teach you all things and bring all things to remembrance-** First of all, the sense is that the Holy Spirit will be the illuminator, the enlightener of Christian people, it is by Him, that we shall understand the Scripture. It is He who opens our understanding. Then bring

**all things to remembrance. Think of John** " How do you suppose the apostle John could report, over sixty years after the event, Christ's speeches as he does, giving the very words? Realise, "the Holy Spirit will bring all things to your remembrance. He will just put you right back there as if listening to Christ, right at the time, and you will catch every word." One of the powers of the Spirit is to enable the mind to remember. **All things have been recorded and written by the Apostles because the spirit brought all things to remembrance. All things that were needful have been recorded. The new testament is complete with all things.** He will not reveal anything new that is outside the scripture. Scripture is complete and is the yardstick that measures all truth. The scripture is perfect, and complete and there is no new revelation beyond the scripture. A simple way of saying it is the Bible contains all revelation and there is no new revelation. Scripture is complete.

**Drop in** - the so called modern day prophet saying He has a word from the Lord. If it is a new revelation contrary to scripture something is wrong. God has given us The Scripture which is complete, He has given us the Holy Spirit to bring to bring scripture to remembrance.

**Did you know that to want to learn is an aspect of love.** Love for Christ loves to learn. Suppose there was a congregation where someone fell asleep in the preaching even although the preacher was bringing a good clear message inspired by the Holy Spirit, or what would we think of someone who spent the whole message browsing the internet on their phone. It would be true to say they are not really interested, there is not much love for what is being taught. Not much love for the words of Christ. But those who do love Christ, Love His Word, and love to obey His word. Love for Christ is expressed in a longing to learn and to know, even a desire to be convicted, or desire to be moved. We must keep in Mind that we love Him because He first loved us.

**2. LOVE TRUSTS.** *27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

This verse begins with a great blessing, PEACE but then it continues **to a great duty or responsibility.** Let not your heart be troubled. How do I do this? Love TRUSTS Him. What is the peace of Christ? I know in my heart how everything is going to turn out. Because all things work together for good to them that love God. What does that mean? **What is the good that I receive from God?** Well, it is my spiritual and eternal good. No matter what takes place, no matter what happens, God will see to it that my spiritual and eternal Good is uninjured and preserved and held in readiness. For me.

**The greatest things, my spiritual and eternal good, are safe, and guarded and kept in the hands of my saviour.** That's the good, all things work together for spiritual and eternal, good for them that love the Lord.

**But our tendency to fall into fear and anxiety.** These fears will rob us of peace. If these things let our hearts become troubled, then we are robbed of peace. What were the disciples afraid of? They were afraid of Christ's departure, but they shouldn't have been. He promised another helper, the comforter. If only they trusted what He said.... This worry would have not eroded their peace away. What else troubled them? They were afraid of persecution and trouble, and hostility from the Jewish leaders. They shut the doors in the upper room for fear of the Jews. Troubles and persecution come to all you can't just brush them aside. (*or like some think they can do, just command all trouble to go! Or bind the devil, and bind every demon force and powers of darkness from attacking you!*). No you have got to live through them, you have to keep on doing your best. You have got to remember your duty and responsibility not to let your heart be troubled, neither to be afraid. If you want peace trust and pray to the Lord for strength, and for help to proceed. Love trusts Him,

**27** Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The peace which is made with God by the blood of Christ, and is published in the Gospel of peace, which passes and surprises all understanding of men and angels. Christ came from Heaven to earth to make peace by the blood of his cross for men while they were yet enemies to God and Himself.

The Lord did not leave the disciples any money or property. He left them something vastly greater – **his peace** – and he uses the language of a legacy: **'Peace I leave with you' – reconciliation with God through the cross of Calvary.** Then also Christ's peace includes a sense of assurance that he imparts to all who love him and come to him. It is a gift, assurance of salvation. Peace within, in the calm serenity of a pardoned and reconciled soul. Peace in every needed temporal blessing; peace in storms and afflictions; peace in persecution; yea, "perfect peace," We look to him and consolation flows. The one who promised is the Lord who rose from the dead who is alive and will give to us what He promised.

**28** *Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.*

The disciples loved the Lord, but only really in part, because they didn't love His work he had come to do. They didn't want Him to go to do it. If they loved Him fully they would have loved His work the work He was about to do in going to Calvary and dying on the cross to atone and wash away the sin of them that believe. Many Christians love Christ but their love is running cold so you do not identify with the whole reason Christ came. **What did he die for?** To save souls, not just ours but others also. When one is not interested in soul winning, they are not interested in Christ's work. Oh, I remember when I was first

saved. It was such good news I wanted all to know. The one who is truly loves Christ Loves His work as well.

**29** And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

**30** Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. The Lord Knew the arresting party was coming that Judas would betray Him to them. Well if He knew why didn't he just go somewhere else that Judas would never find Him? Because even here we learn a lesson of Love. It was because of Love for us that Jesus went voluntry to the cross. Satan would have never been able to take Him unless He voluntry went. He went Because it was the plan of Salvation. The news which we must publish loud and clear.

Let me draw to a close close with verse 31

**31** But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

But that the world may know, His sacrificial love for us. His obedience to death on the cross . Arise let us go forth. Not in our power but knowing we are in Him and He in us. *We must rise and go out with Him, to be His companions along hot and dusty roads, in rough and hidden places, where there are no eyes to see and no hands to applaud, amid scenes of danger and suffering, and in the valley of the shadow of death. And following Him, we shall always be in the right place; we shall always take the right step; we shall not lose, but find the true blessing of life.*