

CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ

"Where Love Obeys and God Abides"

John 14:19-24 NKJ

"A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. [20] At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. [21] He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." [22] Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" [23] 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 home with him. [24] 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."

NOTES

1. Life comes from _____ with the living Christ (vv.19-20)
2. Love for Christ is revealed through _____. (v.21)
3. Christ reveals Himself _____, not _____. (v.22)
4. God dwells with those who _____ and _____ Christ. (v.23)

Instruction (2 Tim 3:16): What is God telling me?

Inspiration (Romans 8:16): How is the Holy Spirit moving me?

Imitator of Christ (Ephesians 5:1): How will I serve God by imitating Jesus?

My prayer this week:**Discussion Questions:**

1. How does rejecting Jesus' words affect a person's connection to that life?
2. In what ways can someone appear spiritually active yet remain disconnected from Christ's life?
3. How does obedience affect our ability to truly know Christ?
4. How might ignoring Christ's words affect our experience of closeness with God?
5. In what areas might we be tempted to listen selectively rather than obediently?

Bible References

John 11:25-26 AMP Jesus said to her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in (adheres to, trusts in, relies on) Me [as Savior] will live even if he dies; [26] and everyone who lives and believes in Me [as Savior] will never die. Do you believe this?"

Colossians 3:3-4 AMP For you died [to this world], and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ, who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Romans 6:8-9 AMP Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live [together] with Him, [9] because we know [the self-evident truth] that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has power over Him.

1 John 5:11-14 AMP And the testimony is this: God has given us eternal life [we already possess it], and this life is in His Son [resulting in our spiritual completeness, and eternal companionship with Him]. [12] He who has the Son [by accepting Him as Lord and Savior] has the life [that is eternal]; he who does not have the Son of God [by personal faith] does not have the life. [13] These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God [which represents all that Jesus Christ is and does], so that you will know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have eternal life. [14] This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us .

Galatians 2:20 AMP I have been crucified with Christ [that is, in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body I live by faith [by adhering to, relying on, and completely trusting] in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Romans 8:10 AMP If Christ lives in you, though your [natural] body is dead because of sin, your spirit is alive because of righteousness [which He provides].

1 John 5:3 AMP For the [true] love of God is this: that we habitually keep His commandments and remain focused on His precepts. And His commandments and His precepts are not difficult [to obey].

1 Corinthians 6:17 NKJV But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

James 1:22 AMP But prove yourselves doers of the word [actively and continually obeying God's precepts], and not merely listeners [who hear the word but fail to internalize its meaning], deluding yourselves [by unsound reasoning contrary to the truth].

John 15:10 AMP If you keep My commandments and obey My teaching, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. 1 John 5:3 AMP For the [true] love of God is this: that we habitually keep His commandments and remain focused on His precepts. And His commandments and His precepts are not difficult [to obey].

John 14:23 AMP Jesus answered, "If anyone [really] loves Me, he will keep My word (teaching); and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling place with him.

1 Corinthians 2:14 AMP But the natural [unbelieving] man does not accept the things [the teachings and revelations] of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness [absurd and illogical] to him; and he is incapable of understanding them, because they are spiritually discerned and appreciated, [and he is unqualified to judge spiritual matters].

Matthew 11:25 AMP At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth [I openly and joyfully acknowledge Your great wisdom], that You have hidden these things [these spiritual truths] from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to infants [to new believers, to those seeking God's will and purpose].

John 7:17 AMP If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know whether the teaching is of God or whether I speak on My own accord and by My own authority.

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1 Corinthians 6:19-20 AMP Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you, whom you have [received as a gift] from God, and that you are not your own [property]? [20] You were bought with a price [you were actually purchased with the precious blood of Jesus and made His own]. So then, honor and glorify God with your body.

Revelation 3:20 AMP Behold, I stand at the door [of the church] and continually knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him (restore him), and he with Me.

John 8:47 AMP Whoever is of God and belongs to Him hears [the truth of] God's words; for this reason you do not hear them: because you are not of God and you are not in fellowship with Him."

1 John 2:3-5 AMP And this is how we know [daily, by experience] that we have come to know Him [to understand Him and be more deeply acquainted with Him]: if we habitually keep [focused on His precepts and obey] His commandments (teachings). [4] Whoever says, "I have come to know Him," but does not habitually keep [focused on His precepts and obey] His commandments (teachings), is a liar, and the truth [of the divine word] is not in him. [5] But whoever habitually keeps His word and obeys His precepts [and treasures His message in its entirety], in him the love of God has truly been perfected [it is completed and has reached maturity]. By this we know [for certain] that we are in Him:

Luke 6:46 AMP "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not practice what I tell you?"

Hebrews 1:1-2 AMP God, having spoken to the fathers long ago in [the voices and writings of] the prophets in many separate revelations [each of which set forth a portion of the truth], and in many ways, [2] has in these last days spoken [with finality] to us in [the person of One who is by His character and nature] His Son [namely Jesus], whom He appointed heir and lawful owner of all things, through whom also He created the universe [that is, the universe as a space-time-matter continuum].