

The Gospel of John

Chapter 14, part 1

- I. Introduction
 - a. Our study of the Gospel of John brings us to a very popular chapter
 - i. Several verses in this chapter are often quoted
- II. Commentary
 - a. **Verses 1-4**
 - i. Jesus comforts His disciples
 - 1. Remember, He has been teaching them that He is going to a place that they could not immediately come to
 - 2. He tells them, *“Let not your heart be troubled”*
 - a. If they believed God, then they could believe the Son of God
 - 3. He tells them about Heaven
 - a. There are many mansions in Heaven
 - b. He is going to prepare Heaven for them
 - i. What a thought to consider that the Savior Himself is away right now preparing our eternal abode for us
 - 1. The love and care He must have for us
 - 4. He tells them that He will return for them
 - a. We are still awaiting the fulfillment of this promise right now
 - i. His second coming is as sure as His first coming
 - ii. Jesus tells them that they know two things
 - 1. They know where He is going
 - a. He is returning to the Father
 - 2. They know the way to where He is going
 - a. Believing in Him is the way to eternal life
 - i. This has been taught again and again in this book
 - b. **Verses 5-7**
 - i. Thomas questions the Lord about the two things they were supposed to know
 - 1. Jesus explains these two things a little more plainly
 - a. He is the Way
 - i. There is no other way to the Father
 - b. He is the Truth
 - i. He is the very embodiment of truth
 - ii. Every word He has told them is truth
 - c. He is the Life
 - i. Eternal life can only be found in Him
 - 2. Jesus says, *“No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

- a. This is a very powerful statement
 - i. The need of mankind since the Fall is to have a relationship with God
 - 1. Man's eternal state rests on whether He has a relationship with God or not
 - a. If not, He is condemned
 - b. If so, He is promised eternal bliss
 - 2. The only possible way to have a relationship with the Father is through the Son
 - a. Jesus is the Mediator between God and man
 - b. He is the only way the valley that is man's sin can be bridged
 - 3. He explains that they have known the Father if they have known Him
- c. **Verses 8-14**
 - i. Philip asked the Lord to show them the Father
 - 1. Jesus explains to them the mystery of the Trinity
 - a. If they had seen Jesus, they had seen the Father
 - i. He is God
 - 1. He is just as much God as the Father
 - b. The Father dwells in the Son and the Son dwells in the Father
 - i. When Jesus spoke, it was the Father speaking
 - 1. His words are God's Word and vice versa
 - c. Jesus calls on the miraculous works He had done as proof that He is God
 - ii. Jesus tells them that they would do the works that He did
 - 1. This was part of the gifts of an apostle (**II Cor. 12:12**)
 - a. These gifts ended when the last apostle died
 - 2. Jesus tells them that they would do "greater" works
 - a. Not in power
 - i. But, their works would not be limited to the territory that Jesus covered
 - 3. If they asked anything in His name, He would do it
 - a. The Pentecostal world has totally misused this verse today
 - i. Jesus meant if their prayer was according to God's Will, it would be done
 - 1. This is taught in other passages (**I Jhn. 5:14**)