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Synopsis

Last week we discussed

- The Introduction to the Last Supper
- Foot Washing
- Love One Another
- Following the Lord

During last weeks lesson we learned that Christian leadership is being a servant to both the Lord and the congregation. We also learned that we are to love one another along with following the Lord's example.

Last week we learned that to be a Christian means to emulate Christ. This week we continue with the Last Supper starting with John 14.

A Place Reserved for Us

John 14:1-4

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Here we see that after Judas has departed to do his evil deed, Jesus promises his disciples a

reservation in heaven. He warns them that the world may cause them to have troubles, but we are not to worry about the trials and troubles the world dishes out on us. Many of us are unduly worried by situations that confront us. The Lord tells us that we are not to be overly concerned about our present situation. Jesus Christ loves us and has promised to take care of us. As long as we hold fast to the Lord, we are under the protection of the Lord.

Also the Lord tells us that he is preparing a place in heaven for us. Each of us has a special place prepared for us by the Lord. This promise is more precious than any of the benefits granted to us while here on the earth. Imagine, having a special home prepared by the Lord in heaven just for you.

The third item in this portion of scripture is the promise of the Lord's return to receive us up to heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we

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ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

This promise of the Lord's return and the catching away of the believers is a great promise.

So what do we have to worry about? Jesus has taken care of everything for us. There is nothing that we have to worry about for we are serving the master of the universe.

The Disciples' Questions

At this point, the disciples are still carnally minded and are questioning the Lord about who he is and where he is going. They don't yet have the full knowledge about who Jesus really is.

How Can We Know the Way?

John 14:5-7

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Thomas, who is frequently called doubting Thomas, queries the Lord about where he is going. This seems to be on all of the disciples' minds for they did not know that this was going to be the last night that they would be with the Lord. They were planning for future events along with other items. They were not able to see a couple hours down the road where Judas would come and betray the Lord with a kiss.

Jesus responded with what the carnal mind would call a cryptic response, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." In hind sight we know that Jesus Christ is the only way for us. We know that Jesus was not giving a cryptic answer, but a true response for he knew the future, though the disciples had no clue as to what was going to happen that very night.

If you do not know Jesus Christ, you cannot know the way. For without Jesus you are wondering aimlessly, lost and without knowing where you are going. This was Thomas along with the other disciples until they received the Holy Ghost. So when Thomas asked where the Lord was going, he was really telling the Lord that he had no clue as to where he was going. Also he was admitting that he was totally lost.

When Thomas asked, "How can we know the way?" the Lord replied that he was the way. You cannot know the way without the Lord.

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life: and nobody can come to the Father but by him. He is the only way for us. Jesus is the only truth for us. Finally, Jesus is the only life for us. There is nothing that this world can offer to us that beats Jesus Christ. There is nothing that the world offers that leads us into the way and the knowledge of the Lord. Though the world may offer all of her wealth, gold, and prosperity, without the Lord, you are lost and without hope. You may think that you know the truth and the way, but in reality, you are lost and without hope. Also you do not have any real life. Look at the famous movie stars who died without hope and were lost. Look at the number who commit suicide because they have no hope and are without the life. Did their wealth and riches provide anything for them

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in the end? Why did the wealth of this world fail them? Without the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they were without hope and they had no life.

Show Us The Father

John 14:8-11

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Here Philip did not realize that when he looked upon the Lord he was really seeing the Father. Anyone that performs the miracles that the Born Again Christian does in the name of Jesus Christ is not using the power of man. When you lay hands on a sick person and they are immediately healed, you are using all of the power of the Father. This great power that you can tap into shows you that you are using power that is not native to the human race. So when Jesus told the disciples to believe him because of the very works' sake, this is the same proof that we have today.

When you see Jesus, you are looking at the Father of creation, the Son of redemption, and the Spirit of the Holy Ghost. As the Bible says these three are one.

1 John 5:7-8

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

There are many who want to make God into a person, but can any person have the power that God has? Jesus has all of the fulness of the godhead in him.

Colossians 2:9

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

So when Jesus told the Disciples to believe that he is in the Father and the Father is in him, he offered the proof of the miracles that he did. This same proof is for us when we call on the name of the Lord Jesus for a specific need.

Works of the Christian

John 14:12-14

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Here is the promise to the saint that when he asks anything in the name of the Lord that Jesus himself will do it. That is why when we pray in the name of Jesus, we see the results of our prayer. At times we see immediate results, while at other times the results take a

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little longer. There are times when we pray for selfish desires that will never get answered, while at other times we pray in the Spirit and we see instant results. Like when we pray for a sick saint who really needs a miracle, and the Lord heals the sick.

Jesus promises us that if we ask anything in his name he will do it. Now any parent will not give their children something bad, though the child asks for it. It is the same with the Lord. He has promised to give us our needs, and what we really need. When we ask for something in the name of Jesus, we are assured that the Lord will do it for us.

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