

Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

July 28, 2021

John 14: 13 - 23

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 anything in my name, I will do it. **15** If ye love me, keep my commandments. **16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **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. **18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. **19** Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. **20** At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. **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. **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.

Pastor Jon was teaching tonight while Pastor Tom was on vacation.

*To reaffirm what Pastor Tom mentioned several times last week, the Trinity is a hard concept to understand with 3 persons in the Godhead. Then he offered this brief overview of the Trinity:

GOD -The Father

*John 4:24 says "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

*When we get to heaven will we see a visible form or a glowing spirit on the throne? It boggles our minds and is not made clear to us in Scriptures.

*God the Father was with Jesus and the Spirit from before creation. They are eternal (a theological term), from everlasting to everlasting, from beginning to end of the age.

*God is infinite. Humans are finite so we cannot fully grasp the spiritual, supernatural, infinite world. It cannot be defined or put into a box.

*God is omnipotent (all-powerful), omniscient (all-knowing) and omnipresent (He can be in all places at all times, not limited to time and space).

JESUS The Son

*Jesus is the incarnation of God, who came down from heaven and was born as a human being.

*He is fully God and fully man.

HOLY SPIRIT

*1 Corinthians 6:19 & 20 says “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

*When we come to the saving grace of Jesus (converted or born again) the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within our hearts.

*What we cannot understand, we must trust what the Bible teaches us.

*John 14:6 says, “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;” Another name for comforter is paraclete.

*If Jesus would not have died and left the disciples, then the Holy Spirit would not have come to comfort us.



Pastor Jon then reviewed verses 13 and 14 that Pastor Tom had skimmed last week.

Verses 13 & 14

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

*These verses are often abused and misused by theologians and churches for years.

Pastor Jon told the story about a little boy who prayed for a bicycle but stopped believing when God didn't give him a bicycle.

*We need the Holy Spirit within us so we know what to pray in Jesus' Name so we aren't asking for our selfish 'wants'.

*People often stop coming to church because God didn't answer their prayers.

Pastor Jon noted how he would pray that the Holy Spirit would show him how to pray for people he was about to visit.

*In the Bible God has a plan for each of us so we need the Holy Spirit within us to convict and guide us in the true way to pray. The Spirit can give us utterance or the right words to pray so we are careful what we pray for. We must refine how we ask so we do not offend the Holy Spirit: so we should make our requests in order to bring glory to God. In addition, we must be willing to accept the 'no' answers or be patient for the 'wait' answers. We must 'put on the mind of Christ'.

*As in verse 13, whenever we pray in Jesus name, whatever we request should be such that the Father would be glorified.

Verse 15

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

*Even though we try, no one is able to keep all the commandments well. When we look in the mirror we might tend to think of Romans 7:24 “O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”

*We know that Jesus loves us (the Bible tells us so!) but do we love Him by being obedient to His commandments? The Holy Spirit will convict us and guide us to do this if we listen to Him.

Verses 16 & 17

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

*This is Jesus saying that the world does not understand spiritual realities because they do not have the Spirit within them. The most difficult visits pastors have are with those in unsaved homes. It can be described as bouncing your head off a wall... the Word does not mean anything to the unsaved, where the Spirit is absent.

Verse 18

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

*We often wonder when this magnificent promise will come about.

Verse 19

Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

*We must remember that Jesus was talking directly to His disciples in these verses, not to the Pharisees or Sadducees or unbelievers. So who saw Jesus after the resurrection? Over 500 people saw Him including the 2 men on the road to Emmaus.

*Jumping ahead to John 16: 7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

*Jesus is saying to those disciples that it is good for Him to go away because the Holy Spirit cannot come to them until He is gone.

*The Holy Spirit has a three-fold ministry:

1. To reprove the world of sin.
 - a. John 3:18 and 19

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

2. Righteousness - We are either right with God or we are not; we are either dead or alive; Jesus is in our heart or not
3. Judgement - Prince of this world was judged when Jesus took sin to hell and defeated Satan at the cross.

Verse 20

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

*Jesus uses the phrase 'at that day' as He is teaching the disciples.

*As we approach 'older age' we need not be afraid of dying. When we close our eyes the final time, we will open them up in heaven. Perhaps our loved ones will be there to celebrate with and we won't know those who didn't make it to heaven. Best of all, we will see Jesus!

Verse 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.

*Jesus correlates the disciples' love for Him with their obedience to His commandments. Obedience also shows OUR love for Jesus.

*Jesus will reveal Himself to the disciples and to US and He will love us all. We will see Jesus!!

Pastor Jon recall a conference he attended where nearly 500 people were singing in the Spirit with beautiful melodies and harmonies in English and then in spiritual languages. He was anointed by the Spirit in that setting which is probably what heavenly praise will be like.

*Jesus will manifest Himself to us in heaven and we will be transformed as well.

Verse 22

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

*This Judas is asking Jesus how will that manifestation will happen to the disciples and not to the world. Answer in verse 23.

Verse 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.

*Simple answer from Jesus: If a man loves me then he will keep my words(obey) and then the Father loves him and the spirit will then live in us, making Jesus real(manifest) in us.

Discussion followed on a gorgeous night outdoors.

We even had a praying mantis join in the Word!

