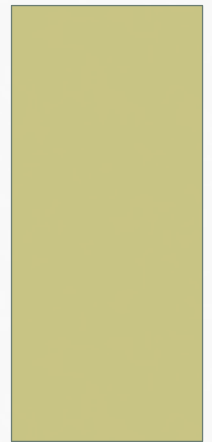


# HEARING FROM GOD

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# LAST WEEK: INTIMACY WITH GOD

- Jesus Desires to be Intimate with Us (14:1-3)
- What Intimacy Is and What it is Not (14:4-11)
- Trust is the Key to Intimacy (14:12-14)

# OUTLINE

- The Role of Obedience (Vs. 15)
  - Help for those who Love God (vs. 16-20)
    - Revelation from God (Vs. 21-24)
  - Help for those who Love God (vs. 25-27)
- The Role of Obedience (vs. 28-31)

## THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

- Vs. 15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."
- A New Commandment (13:31-35)
- I Am the Way (14:6)
- Trust is the Key to Intimacy (14:12-14)
- Obedience is the Indication of Intimacy (14:15, 21-24, 30-31)

# THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

- Legalism
  - Lack of Love
  - Lethargic
- “When there's something in the Bible that churches don't like, they call it Legalism.” -Leonard Ravenhill
- The Babylon Bee

# THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

- Licentiousness/Lawlessness
  - Romans 6:1, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?"
  - The God of the Old Testament is a Moral Monster

# THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

“The creator of this world is alien to the true God and alien to spiritual man. He is the Yahweh of the Old Testament, a wild god, one who can rage, make mistakes, and repent, one who knows nothing of grace, but only strict justice.”

-Harold O. J. Brown, *Heresies*

## THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

Vs. 30-31 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.

- Jesus' obedience to the Father set an example for us! (John 5:19-20)



# THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

- John 15:10

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

# THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

- 1 John 2:3-4

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him...

# THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

- 1 John 3:24

Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

# THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

- 2 John 6

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

# THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

- Revelation 12:17

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus...

# THE ROLE OF OBEDIENCE

- Revelation 14:12

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

# HELP FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

- The Holy Spirit is the Helper (Vs. 16-20; 25-27)
  - Literally the HS is one “who comes along side of.” (Vs. 16)
  - He is the continued presence of Jesus, who will never leave (Vs. 16)
  - He Enabled the Disciple to Obey (John 14:13-14; Acts 1:1, 8)

# HELP FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

- He is the Spirit of Truth (Vs. 17)
  - Vs. 6 Jesus is the Truth
  - Luke 22:20, " And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."



# HELP FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

Ezekiel 36:26-27

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

# HELP FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

Jeremiah 31:33

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

# HELP FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

- Vs. 26 "He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."
  - He will bear witness to Jesus (15:26)
  - He will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (16:8-11)
  - He will guide the disciples into all Truth (16:13)

# HELP FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

- This is a promise of the inspiration of the NT.
  - 2 Peter 1:16-21
- “Any movement claiming the possession of the Spirit, which glorifies the Spirit instead of Christ is alien to the teaching of Jesus about the Spirit.” –Donald Guthrie

# HELP FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

- Practical Philip
- Vs. 8 "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."
- Jesus rebukes Philip
  - Worth (vs. 9-10)
  - Words (vs. 10)
  - Works (vs. 11)

## REVELATION FROM GOD

- Vs. 21 “Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and **manifest** myself to him.”
- *Emphanizo*: to make known, to make plain, to reveal, to bring to the light, to disclose, revelation.

## REVELATION FROM GOD

- Vs. 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"
- Judas (not Iscariot) and not Insightful!

## REVELATION FROM GOD

- Vs. 17 "The world cannot receive the HS because it neither sees him nor knows him."
- Vs. 19 "The world will see me no more, but you will see me."
- Vs. 27 "Not as the world gives do I give to you."



## REVELATION FROM GOD

Vs. 23 Jesus answered 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."

- Spirit in You                      John 14:16-17
- Christ in You                      John 14:18-20
- Father in You                      John 14:23



## REVELATION FROM GOD

- He shifts from saying “Keep my commandments” (Vs. 15, 21 to “Keep my words.” (Vs. 23, 24)
- Vs. 24 “Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.”

## REVELATION FROM GOD

- “The Gospel message in its total unity, and not as broken up into separate commands (v. 15), or separate parts (v. 24).” –Brooke Wescott
- More of God in your life is connected to more obedience to His Word.

## REVELATION FROM GOD

- “I knew that God communicated with me through the Bible, but I yearned for more. Increasingly, I wanted to hear what God had to say to me personally on a given day.” –Sarah Young
- We think we will have a greater revelation of God if we have His Word and \_\_\_\_\_.

## REVELATION FROM GOD

“The strength of our faith consists in our knowing that God is our leader, and that we are founded on nothing else than his eternal truth. Whatever then may be the rage and madness of the world, let us follow the doctrine of Christ, which rises far above heaven and earth.”

–John Calvin

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