

Calming Troubled Hearts

John 14:1-21

John 14:1 - “Do not let your hearts be troubled”

“you believe in God, believe also in me”

Main Point: The key to overcoming a troubled heart is trust in both the promises and the presence of Christ

I. A Prepared Place (vs. 2-3)

“my Father’s house”

“many rooms” (monai)

“prepared place”

“I will come back and take you to be with Me.”

Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

The focus of heaven isn’t on a place. It is on a person.

II. An Exclusive Way (vs. 4-11)

Jesus also prepares us for that place.

Hebrews 1:1-3

Jesus is the way because He is the truth and the life

If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus

III. A Continuation of Ministry (vs. 12-15)

Jesus’ departure will not be an end of His work, but an increase in His work

“greater things” – not greater in quality, but greater in magnitude

2 reasons for “greater things”:

1) Holy Spirit - “because I am going to the Father”

2) Prayer - “I will do whatever you ask in my name”

The test of any prayer is: can I make it in the name of Jesus?

IV. Another Advocate (vs. 16-21)

Philippians 2:12-13

Another Advocate – parakletos – advocate (NIV), helper (ESV, NASB) comforter (KJV)

“one called alongside”

6 things about this paraclete:

1. He is a gift from the Father to true believers

2. “another” (allos) – someone like Jesus (**1 John 2:1**)

3. He will be an abiding presence – “with you forever”

Hebrews 13:5

4. He will be the revealer of truth – “Spirit of Truth”

5. He is a person – notice use of personal pronouns

6. He will dwell within you - not only be with you, He will be in you

“I will not leave you as orphans”

“I will come to you”