

APART BUT NOT ABANDONED

John 14:15-24

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INTRODUCTION: THE FEAR OF ORPHANHOOD

In John chapters 14-17, Jesus is dealing with His disciples' fears and preparing them for life without Him. v. 1, v. 28

1-6 He taught them how they would relate to him and the purpose for his going.

7-14 dealt with their occupation while He was away and the help they could receive, simply by praying.

15-24 deal with the fear of abandonment.

The repetition of "in"

The repetition of who loves whom and how you know.

And the fact that in the middle of this section, Jesus assures them that He wouldn't leave them as orphans.

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orphaned youth in sub-Saharan Africa... Yearning for their mothers negatively affected their ability to develop coping strategies, which led to isolation, sadness, hopelessness, lack of peace, and fear of an uncertain future.

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Losing one's birth family...regardless of the age it occurs, is traumatic. Scientists have now confirmed that trauma does indeed change a person's brain neurochemistry. These changes can cause a host of difficulties...being easily overwhelmed, hyper-vigilance, overwhelming anxiety, disassociation, volatility, depression, sense of hopelessness.

Proposition: Jesus assures His disciples of their relationship with Him so that they will not be troubled in His absence.

I. CONNECTED TO CHRIST, VV. 15-20

A. PRACTICE REVEALS PARENTAGE, V. 15

Sometimes we can tell which family we belong to by the way we look.

Sometimes we can tell which family we belong to by the way we walk.

Colossians 1:9, 10

...we have not ceased to pray for you... so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

John 1:12, 13; 3; 1 John 5:1-5; 2:3; 2 John 6

B. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO HELP US, VV. 16, 17

1. He is a Helper

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

2. The Spirit of Truth

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

3. A New Relationship

a. He was with

b. He is now in

John 7:39

? What does it mean that He is in us?

i. there is no biblical evidence of two physical or spirit beings being able to occupy the same space.

ii. in doesn't have to refer to location.

iii. it means connection, relationship

c. He is will be with us forever

C. THE RESURRECTION IS TO REMIND US, VV. 18-20

1. I Am In My Father

2. You Are In Me

3. I Am In You

Connection.

John 17:20-23

II. DISTINCT FROM THE WORLD, VV. 21-24

John 15:18

How do we know that we are distinct from the world? By obedience.

A. IDENTITY WITH CHRIST

We could translate this: "The one who is characterized by having and keeping the commandments is the one whose identity is loving me."

1 Corinthians 6:15-20

B. NO IDENTITY WITH CHRIST

1. They Don't Look Like Christ
2. They Have No Connection To The Father

CONCLUSION: ASSURANCE

This isn't a command it's a statement of fact. The one who loves is the one who does.

Doing good works doesn't make you a Christian. It proves you are a Christian.

Jesus' point is simple: You and everybody else will know that our relationship is real when you act like I act. When you look like me.

1 John 2:3-5

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

APPLICATION:

Be assured.

Take Warning.