"Constantly Abiding" John 14:25-27

Introduction:

- 1. Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles:
 - To The Upper Room Discourse:
 - That We Find In John 14:
 - Where Jesus Has Been Speaking To His Disciples
 - From His Heart And:
 - Communing With Them:
 - "As Friend With Friends!"
- 2. And In The Final Verses Of This Chapter:
 - Jesus Brings Some Of His Earlier Points:
 - Of Comfort And Challenge:
 - To A Conclusion!
 - And This Morning:
 - We Are Going To Look At:
 - Just Three Of Those Verses:
 - John 14:25-27!
 - Let's Read Them Together:
 - As We Begin! Where Jesus Says:
 - "These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. / But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. / Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!"
- 3. Have You Ever Wished:
 - To Have Been One Of Those Disciples:
 - Sitting Around The Table That Night?
 - To Have Been With Jesus:
 - Like They Had Been?
 - To Have Seen Jesus:
 - Like They Saw Him?
 - To Have Heard Jesus:
 - Like They Heard Him?
 - And Even To Have Felt Jesus:
 - Like, I'm Sure, They Must Have:
 - Felt Him?
- 4. Well In The Verses We Just Read:
 - I Believe They Teach Us That It Is Possible:
 - For Christians Today:
 - To Experience A Fellowship With:
 - The Lord Jesus Christ:
 - In Ways That The Disciples Never Did & Never Could:
 - While He Was With Them!
- 5. Because If You Remember:
 - From 14:21 Jesus Told Them That:
 - Whoever Loves Him!
 - That Is Whoever Truly Loves Him!
 - By Keeping His Commandments:
 - Both In Their Hearts And:
 - In Their Lives!

- Jesus Says:
 - "I Will Love Him, And Will Manifest Myself To Him!"
 - Now This Does Not Mean That:
 - You Can Earn His Love:
 - By First Loving Him!
 - Instead This Does Mean That:
 - You Can Enjoy His Love:
 - More & More As You Love Him:

- 6. And One Of The Ways:
 - He Will Show His Love To You:
 - Is That He Will:
 - "Manifest (Himself) To (You)!"
 - That Is He Will Reveal & Show Himself To You:
 - In Fresh Ways!
 - And In The Verses We Just Read:
 - We Find Three Ways:
 - That Jesus Continues To "Manifest" Himself:
 - To Those Who Believe In Him:
 - And Love Him:
 - In The Way That He Describes!
 - All So That You Might:
 - Experience & Enjoy His Fellowship & Presence:
 - In A Way That The Disciples Never Did:
 - Even When He Was With Them!
- 7. And So The First Way:
 - That Jesus Will "Manifest" & Reveal Himself:
 - Is Through:
- 1. The Great Privilege:
 - That We Find In 14:25:
 - Where Jesus Again Tells His Disciples:
 - "These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you!"
 - Now Even Though:
 - It Was A Great Privilege:
 - For The Disciples To Experience:
 - The Presence Of Jesus!
 - And To:
 - See Him & Hear Him & Feel Him!
 - Since He Was:
 - "Yet Present With" Them!
 - He Left Them With Something:
 - That Would Not Only:
 - Benefit Them But Would Also Benefit:
 - All Those Who Would Come After Them:
 - Who Believe & Love Jesus As They Did!
 - And What Did He Leave Them?
 - His Own Words!
 - "These Things Have I Spoken Unto You!"
 - This Is A Phrase That Jesus Will Use:
 - Six More Times In The Coming Chapters!
 - And It Highlights:
 - One Of The Ways That Jesus:
 - Will Continue To Manifest Himself To Those Who Love Him!
 - What A Privilege It Is:
 - To Continue To Be:
 - Taught By The Words Of Jesus!
 - Because Through His Words:
 - We Know:
 - What To Believe!
 - Of Course When Jesus Says:
 - "These Things I Have Spoken Unto You!"
 - He Especially Refers To:
 - These Final Words Of His Discourse With The Disciples!
 - But They Can Certainly Apply:
 - To Everything He Said To Them:
 - While He Was With Them!
 - Because All Of His Words:

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- Were Words "Full Of Grace And Truth!" (1:14)
                         - Even As He Was!
        - And So - Whenever You Take Time:
                 - To "Sit At The Feet Of Jesus" - As Mary Once Did:
                         - To Hear His Words!
                                  - He Will "Manifest" Himself To You - Through Them!
        - But - This Doesn't Just Apply To:
                 - The Words Of Jesus - That Are Only Found:
                         - In The Gospels!
                 - But - The Entire Word Of Jesus:
                         - That We Find In The Scriptures:
                                  - As A Whole!
                 - Because - They Are As Much:
                         - The Words Of Jesus:
                                  - As The "Red Letters" That We Find In Some Of Our Bibles!
        - What A Privilege It Is:
                 - To Be Taught By:
                         - The Words Of Jesus!
                                  - Because - Through Them:
                                          - He Is Still Present With Us! But Also:
- What A Privilege It Is:
        - To Continue To Be:
                 - Trained By The Words Of Jesus!
        - Because - Through His Words:
                 - We Also Know:
                         - How To Live!
                 - Not Only Did Jesus:
                         - Give Us Doctrine:
                                  - With His Words!
                                          - Which We Are To Believe!
                 - He Also:
                         - Gave Us Our Duties:
                                  - With His Words!
        - And - The Commands:
                 - That Jesus Gave Us:
                         - Stand - So That As We Keep Them:
                                  - We Will Experience & Enjoy More Of His Blessing!
- So - It Is Through:
        - The Great Privilege Of:
                 - Jesus Own Words:
                         - That He Will Manifest & Show Himself:
                                  - To You! If You Will Just:
                                          - Avail Yourself Of Them!
                                                   - Do / Are You?
- But Then - When We Come To 14:26:
        - We Find The Second Way That Jesus Will:
                 - Manifest Himself!
                         - And That Is Through:
The Great Promise:
- That Jesus Repeats There:
        - About The "Comforter!"
                 - But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall
                 teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you!"
        - Now - Jesus First Introduced:
                 - This "Comforter" Back In 14:16-17!
                         - Who Is The Great "Paraclete!"
                 - The One Who Would Come:
                         - To Not Only Dwell With:
                                  - His Disciples!
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- But To Dwell In:
 - His Disciples!
- And When He Would Come:
 - He Would Be Our:
 - Helper, Advocate, & Counselor!
- But Not Only Is This Comforter:
 - The "Spirit Of Truth!" (14:17)
 - He Is Also Identified As:
 - "The Holy Spirit!"
 - Which Is The Same Spirit Of God:
 - That We Find In The Old Testament As Well!
 - So This Spirit Will Both:
 - Promote & Perform What Jesus Did!
 - All That Is True!
 - And All That Is Right!
 - So This Spirit:
 - Can Be Trusted:
 - Even As Jesus Could Be!
- In Fact The Holy Spirit:
 - Will Serve As Jesus' Representative:
 - In This World!
 - Even As Jesus Served As His Father's:
 - Representative To This World!
 - Which Is Why "The Father Will Send" Him "In (Jesus') Name!"
- But What Will He Do?
 - And How Will Jesus Manifest Himself To Us:
 - Through Him?
 - Well First Through:
- His Ministry Of Instruction!
 - As Jesus Tells Us:
 - 14:27 "He Shall Teach You All Things!"
 - This Was Part Of:
 - The Ministry Of Jesus:
 - When He Was With His Disciples!
 - Not Only Did He:
 - Speak To Them He Also:
 - Taught Them!
 - Because Its One Thing:
 - To Just Hear What Someone Says!
 - But Its Another Thing:
 - To Understand What Someone Says!
 - And Jesus Wanted What:
 - Was Heard To Sink Down:
 - Into The Heart!
 - And That Is Why:
 - He Often Expanded On & Clarified:
 - His Words Even As He Does In This Chapter!
 - And So What Jesus Did:
 - The Holy Spirit Will Do!
 - And Even Though He Doesn't Tell Us:
 - How He Will Teach:
 - We Do Know What He Will Teach:
 - 14:27 "Whatsoever I Have Said Unto You!"
 - The Great Promise Is That:
 - The Holy Spirit Will:
 - Bring Even More Understanding & Clarity To Jesus' Words:
 - Than He Did!
 - And So Through The Spirit:
 - Jesus Continues To Manifest Himself:

- Through His Word!
- But The Spirit Will Also Perform:
- The Ministry Of Illumination!
 - As Jesus Also Tells Us:
 - 14:27 "And Bring All Things To Your Remembrance!"
 - This Too Was Part Of:
 - The Ministry Of Jesus:
 - When He Was With His Disciples!
 - Because Like Us:
 - They Were Prone To Forget:
 - A Lot Of What Jesus Said!
 - But What Would Happen:
 - When He Is Gone?
 - How Would:
 - They Remember It All!
 - IE: Write It Down! Well They Hadn't Yet! So How Could They?
 - So The Great Promise Of Jesus:
 - Is That The Holy Spirit Himself:
 - Will Remind Them:
 - Of His Words!
 - And Again Even Though He Doesn't Tell Us:
 - Exactly How He Will Do This:
 - We Have Examples Of When He Did!
 - Already In John We've Been Told:
 - In 2:17 "And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up!"
 - In 2:22 "When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said!"
 - In 12:16 "These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him!"
 - How Did They Remember?
 - Because Of The Great Promise Of Jesus:
 - Here In 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you!"
- And This Is How Jesus Would Continue To:
 - Manifest Himself To His Disciples:
 - After He Left To Return Home To Heaven!
 - And This Is Even How:
 - We Got The Gospel Of John:
 - As Well As The Other Gospels:
 - And The Rest Of The New Testament As A Whole!
 - This Great Promise Of Jesus:
 - Was Fulfilled!
 - Through The Ministry Of The Holy Spirit:
 - And His Instruction & Illumination Of The Disciples!
 - But Even Though:
 - This Promise Was Fulfilled:
 - In The Greatest Way:
 - To The Apostles!
 - This Promise Continues To Be Fulfilled:
 - In Lesser Ways:
 - Even To Us!
 - The Holy Spirit Continues:
 - The Ministry Of Jesus:
 - To Teach Us & To Remind Us:
 - Of Jesus Words & Of All The Word Of God!

- And When You Personally Experience:
 - Greater Insight & Understanding Of His Word:
 - Or Even Greater Influence & Application Through His Word:
 - Jesus Himself Is Manifesting & Revealing Himself To You:
 - Through The Holy Spirit!
- So Not Only Does Jesus Show Himself To Us:
 - Through The Great Privilege:
 - Of His World! And:
 - Through The Great Promise:
 - Of His Spirit!
 - He Also Will Continue To Manifest Himself:
 - Through:

3. The Great Peace:

- That He Will Give & Provide To Us:
 - In 14:27a "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you!"
 - Now This Is The First Mention Of "Peace" That We Find In The Gospel Of John!
 - So This Gift Of Peace:
 - From Jesus Is:
- A Significant Peace!
 - Now "Peace" In Its Most General Form:
 - Just Means Absence Of Conflict!
 - IE: It's The Kind Of Peace The World Says It Wants & Wishes For!
 - And So The Disciples Would Have:
 - Come To Anticipate:
 - This Kind Of Peace:
 - Through Jesus!
 - Not Only Peace:
 - With Each Other & The World:
 - But Even With God!
 - But Jesus Says That:
 - He Will "Leave" With His Disciples:
 - Not Just *That* Kind Of Peace:
 - But His Kind Of Peace!
 - Not Merely An External Peace:
 - That Avoids Conflict:
 - But An Internal Peace:
 - That Is Perfectly Content!
 - No Matter What:
 - The External Circumstances:
 - May Be Like!
 - Though We Are Told By John:
 - That Jesus Himself Was "Troubled" At Times:
 - He Possessed A Peace:
 - That Was Deep In His Heart:
 - As He Completely Depended On His Father:
 - In This World!
 - This Is Why In Luke's Gospel:
 - Jesus Could Sleep:
 - In The Middle Of A Storm
 - In A Ship On The Sea Of Galilee! (Luke 8:23)
 - This Is The Kind Of Peace:
 - "Which Passeth All Understanding!" (Phil. 4:7)
 - That Can "Keep Your Hearts And Minds!"
 - Even As It Did For Jesus!
 - And This Is The Kind Of Peace:
 - That He Has Left To Us:
 - Even Though He Did *Leave* Us:
 - For A Time!

- But Even Though Did Leave Us:
 - In Body He Still Manifests & Reveals & Shows Himself:
 - To Those Who Love Him:
 - Through This Kind Of Peace!
 - IE: Sergio & Rhoda!
- But Not Only Is His Peace:
 - A Significant Peace:
 - It Is Also:
- A Secure Peace!
 - Because As He Continues In 14:27b:
 - "Not as the world giveth, give I unto you!"
 - In The First Part Of This Verse:
 - Jesus Describes What He Gives!
 - And It Is A Different Kind Of Peace!
 - In This Part Of The Verse:
 - Jesus Describes How He Gives!
 - And It To Is A Different!
 - When The World Gives Anything:
 - Including Its Own Version Of Peace:
 - It Is Always Temporary:
 - And Can Never Completely:
 - Satisfy!
 - In Fact Most Of The Time:
 - There Is Even An Ulterior Motive:
 - To A Gift!
 - The World Gives:
 - In Order Get!
 - Even More In Return:
 - Than It Gave!
 - However When Jesus Gives Something:
 - And Especially His Kind Of Peace:
 - It Is True & Timeless:
 - And Will Always Satisfy!
- And This Is The Peace:
 - That Jesus Has Given To Those Who Love Him!
 - And Jesus Will Reveal & Manifest Himself:
 - To You With Fresh Outpourings:
 - Of His Own Peace!
 - How Many Times:
 - Did Jesus Bring His Peace:
 - Into The Circumstances:
 - That His Disciples Faced:
 - When He Was With Them?
 - Jesus Still Does This Today!
 - When You Experience That:
 - Inexplicable Peace You Can Know That:
 - Jesus Is There!
 - Jesus Is Loving You & Manifesting Himself To You!
 - Because His Peace:
 - Is Part Of The Ministry:
 - Of The Holy Spirit!
 - In Addition To Instruction & Illumination:
 - He Is Also The Very Instrument Of The Peace Jesus Gives Us!

Conclusion:

- So If You Love Jesus:
 - And There's Evidence Of That Love:
 - By Keeping His Commandments:
 - In Your Heart & In Your Life!

- Then Be Aware Of:
 - These Ways That Jesus:
 - Will Continue To Reveal Himself:
 - And His Great Love:
 - To You!
- 2. He Continues To Manifest Himself:
 - Through The Great Privilege:
 - Of His Own Words!
 - Through The Great Promise:
 - Of His Own Spirit! And:
 - Through The Great Peace:
 - Of His Own Heart!
- 3. But Why Does He Do This?
 - Why Would He Do This?
 - Because Of What We Find At The End:
 - Of 14:27 "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!"
 - Of Course Jesus Already Told His Disciples:
 - Back In 14:1 "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled!"
 - And So Everything He Said In Between:
 - Was To Help Them:
 - To Not Fear:
 - In Their Hearts!
 - And So His Ongoing Presence:
 - Through His Word, His Spirit, And His Peace:
 - Was Meant To Help Them In The Times Of Problems & Pain & Even Persecution:
 - That Would Come Their Way!
 - And So What Jesus Said In 14:1:
 - Applies Here As Well!
 - "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled! Believe In God! Believe Also In Me!"
 - Believe That Jesus Still Reveals Himself In The Ways We've Looked At!
 - And That Faith Will Overcome Your Fear!
 - But At The Same Time:
 - His Presence Would Also Help Them:
 - To Not Faint:
 - In Their Lives!
 - "Neither Let It Be Afraid!"
 - "Afraid" Here As The Sense Of Being Timid & Faint:
 - In Your Walk With & Service For The Lord!
- 4. So Remember That:
 - Even Though Jesus Left This World:
 - In His Body He Is Still With:
 - Those Who Love Him!
 - And He Continues To:
 - Reveal & Manifest Himself To You:
 - Through His Word, The Holy Spirit, And His Peace!
 - So "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!" (14:27)
 - Because No Matter What:
 - You May Be Going Through:
 - Jesus Is There!

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