

“Believe!” John 14:1-6

I. *Believe in the worst of times and situations –*

14 **“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. John 14:1 (NKJV)**

*Why might the disciples’ hearts be troubled?*

1. *Jesus had been speaking of His death –*

<sup>32</sup> **And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”** <sup>33</sup> This He said, signifying by what death He would die. John 12:32–33 (NKJV)

26 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, *that* He said to His disciples, <sup>2</sup> **“You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”** Matthew 26:1–2 (NKJV)

2. *Not only about death, but going away, to a place His disciples could not follow, at least not right away -*

<sup>33</sup> **Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. John 13:33 (NKJV)**

<sup>36</sup> **Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.”** John 13:36 (NKJV)

3. *Now, Peter wanted to follow Jesus, NOW, he claimed to be ready to die for Him, but Jesus told Peter that Peter would deny Him –*

<sup>38</sup> **Jesus answered him, “Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times. John 13:38 (NKJV)**

A. *In the original Greek NT, there are no chapter divisions, verse :38 of chapter 13 is immediately before :1 of chapter 14!*

B. *So, Jesus was not only prophesying His own soon coming cruel death, but also His apostles’ great FAILURE –*

<sup>30</sup> **And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ <sup>32</sup> But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.” <sup>33</sup> Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” <sup>35</sup> Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And so said all the disciples. Matthew 26:30–35 (NKJV)**

*So, all the remaining disciples were claiming faithfulness to Jesus, but Jesus tells them they will all be scattered! So basically, He is going to DIE, a cruel death, and they, He said will be COWARDS ... their hearts are troubled –*

4. *WE are called to believe. Commanded to BELIEVE – ... you believe in God, believe also in Me. John 14:1 B (NKJV)*

<sup>31</sup> but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:31 (NKJV)

*If Jesus commands His disciples to BELIEVE in the hour of His death & their denial and FEAR, He commands us to KEEP BELIVING, KEEP TRUSTING, even in our worst times too -*



II. *Believe Jesus will attain for us the best and most glorious of ENDS –*

<sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And where I go you know, and the way you know." John 14:2–4 (NKJV)

1. *Faith sees beyond the CROSS to the fruit of this tree of Life –*

<sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup> while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:17–18 (NKJV)

2. *Faith sees the Mansions Above - <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many mansions; John 14:2 A*

3. *Faith trusts Jesus' words, more than limited / clouded vision ... Faith looks for His second coming - I will come again and receive you to Myself John 14:3 B*

4. *Faith KNOWS Jesus' Love* - **4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."** John 14:4
  - A. *The Way Jesus went was the way of obedience to God, humility and self-sacrifice!*
  - B. *They KNEW this even if they are mere beginners in Jesus' school.*
  
5. *Faith sees a New Heaven and New Earth, where we live in the presence and with the care of God –*

21 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and* be their God. <sup>4</sup> And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

<sup>6</sup> And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and *the* End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. <sup>7</sup> He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. <sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Revelation 21:1–8 (NKJV)

### *III. Believe Jesus is the only WAY –*

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**" John 14:5–6 (NKJV)

1. *Jesus Christ is the ONLY WAY to be saved, the only Way to God (the Father) He is the only Way to become a Christian –*

<sup>10</sup> let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. <sup>11</sup> This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup> Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:10–12 (NKJV)

- A. *This militates against political correctness –*
- B. *This militates against the teachings of many false churches –*

"To Him Who is everywhere, men come, not by travelling, but by [loving](#)" [-Augustine](#)

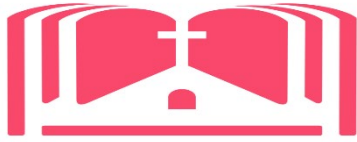
2. *Jesus Christ is the TRUTH – **the truth** John 14:6*

When Jesus speaks to the Laodicean church Three Names He calls Himself all have to do with truth -

<sup>14</sup> **"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: Revelation 3:14 (NKJV)**

- A. *Amen means "truth" as the Amen He is truth Personified -*
- B. *Faithful implies He is true to His promises and commitments -*
- C. *True Witness means all He teaches and says is truth –*

3. *Jesus Christ is the Life –  
and the life...*



## WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

Following God's Word in a World full of Zombies

"... The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." John 6:63 B

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—<sup>2</sup> the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— **1 John 1:1–2 (NKJV)**

A. *Without Jesus you are NOT really alive, spiritual and moral **Zombies** –*  
**2** And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. **Ephesians 2:1–3 (NKJV)**

B. *Both Jesus Himself and His Word (the Bible) are Living / Life giving –*  
<sup>63</sup> **It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> **And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. John 17:3–4 (NKJV)**

4. One of the reasons people believe in and promote many ways to God is they do not really BELIEVE in God at all. They are practical or professing atheists.

<sup>1</sup> **The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. Psalm 14:1 (NKJV)**

A. *If something is not REAL it can be whatever someone might imagine it could be and getting to it also might happen in many fun imaginary ways ...*

B. *But reality means a Being or Person or Persons have particular attributes -*

**Question 4** What is God?

**Answer:** God is a Spirit, (John 4:24) infinite, (1 Kings 8:27) eternal, (Psalm 90:2) and unchangeable, (James 1:17) in his being, (Exodus 3:14) wisdom, (Proverbs 3:19) power, (Psalm 147:5) holiness, (Revelation 4:8) justice, goodness, and truth. (Exodus 34:6–7)

<sup>10</sup> **But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation. Jeremiah 10:10 (NKJV)**

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