

FALL MORNING BIBLE CLASS 2021

JOHN 14:15-21 part 1

John 14:15-21 KJV: Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments. (16) And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; (17) Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it (world) sees Him not, neither knows Him: but you know Him; for He dwells with you; and shall be in you. (18) I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. (19) Yet a little while, and the world sees me no more; but you see Me: because I live, you shall live also. (20) At that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. (21) He that has My commandments, keeps them, he it is that loves Me: he that loves Me shall be loved My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him."

1. Many Christians misunderstood this "My commandments" connects with Moses' 10 commandments or the Laws of Moses. It is not. It actually is *'love one another'*.

✍ **John 13:34:** "A new commandment I give to you, "that you *love* one another; as I have loved you, that you also *love* one another."

✍ **John 13:35:** "By this all men shall know that you are My disciples, if you have *love* one another."

✍ **Matthew 22:35-37:** One of them, who was a lawyer, tested Him by asking Him, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the FIRST and GREAT commandment. And the SECOND is like it: "you shall *love* your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

✍ **James 2:8:** "If you fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall *love* your neighbor as yourself, you do well".

✍ **1 John 3:23:** "And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

✍ **1 John 5:2:** "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments."

✍ **1 John 3:18-20 MSG:** "My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even where there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves."

2. The word 'keep' in Greek word 'tereo' means 'to attend to carefully, take care of, to guard, to observe, to reserve: to undergo something, to watch over.'
3. **TF:** In fact: If a person loves Jesus, he will keep the commandments of Jesus.
- ☞ To the believer, there is **OPTION** or **NO OPTION**. Believer (you) loves Jesus; therefore, believer (you) keeps His commandments. Therefore, believer (you) diligently seeks Jesus, and believer (you) seeks to _____ Jesus in all that believer (you) does.
- ✓ To love Jesus is not an _____ things.
 - ✓ To love Jesus is not a rational or mental _____.
 - ✓ To love Jesus is a matter of the _____ and of the _____. The heart is the _____ of man's affection and will (devotion). The heart attaches and focuses our affection and will and devotion to an object or a person. The heart _____ a man to will to give himself either to good or bad. To love Jesus means that a man _____ his heart and affections and will (devotion) upon God by _____ and _____ the love of God. It means that a man gives his _____ and _____ (devotion), all he is and has, to **JESUS CHRIST**. It means he...
 - freely accepts Jesus
 - cherishes and attaches himself to Jesus
 - sacrificially gives all he is and has to Jesus
 - commits all he is and has to serve Jesus and His cause.
4. There is only 1 test of love, and that is obedience.
- ☞ It was by His obedience that Jesus showed His love of God.
- ✓ Greater love has no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)
- ☞ And it is by our obedience that we must show our love of Jesus.
- ✓ By this we know the love of God: that He laid down His life for us, and we _____ (to owe) to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. (1 John 3:16)
5. To love the Father is to love His _____; to love the Son is to love His _____; for them to love one another is to _____ the Father and the Son.

NO CLASS ON NOV. 21 and 28. SEE YOU ON DECEMBER 5, 2021