



COMFORT FOR TROUBLED HEARTS "Comfort Through Love" John 14:15-31

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It is a well-known fact that human beings have a great need to experience and express love. Failure in either of these areas can lead to profound problems. Jesus taught His troubled disciples about the comfort that comes from loving and being loved.

I. Comfort Through the Example of Love.

- A. An example of selfless love. 13:1
- B. An expectation of sacrificial love. 13:7
- C. An explanation of submissive love. 14:31

II. Comfort Through the Experience of Love.

- A. My experience of being loved by the Father. 13:21, 23
 - 1. The universal love of the Father. 3:16
 - 2. The unique love of the Father.
- B. The experience of being loved by the Son.
 - 1. The gift of the "*Parakletos*." 14:16
 - a. "Another Counselor"—like Jesus. 14:17
 - b. "Spirit of Truth"—like Jesus.
 - c. "He will be in you"—like Jesus. See 14:23
 - d. "He will teach and remind you"—like Jesus. 14:26
 - 2. The promise not to abandon. 14:18
 - a. "The world will not see me"—Death. 14:19
 - b. "You will see me"—Resurrection.
 - c. "You will live."
 - d. "You will realize." 14:20
 - 3. The offer of peace. 14:27
 - a. "Not as the world gives."
 - i. Formal "shalom." ii. Futile efforts.
 - b. "Don't be troubled or afraid."

III. Comfort Through the Expression of Love.

- A. Love expressed by obedience. 14:15
 - 1. "Having" the commands. 14:21
 - 2. "Obeying" the teaching. 14:23-24
 - a. Blessing comes through doing what you know. 13:17
 - b. Teaching belongs to the Father. 14:24
- B. Love expressed by joy. 14:28
 - 1. Unhappiness through earthly circumstances.
 - 2. Joy through eternal considerations.
 - 3. Jesus and Father reunited—mission accomplished.
 - 4. Those who love the Father and Son rejoice in this.
- C. Love expressed to disciples. 13:34-35
- D. Love expressed in concern. 14:30-31
 - 1. The "Prince of this world" is about to be defeated.
 - 2. It will require the Son's loving obedience (even to a cross).
 - 3. "The world must learn that I love the Father."
 - 4. How will they do that?

Points to ponder: What do I know of the love of God? What do I do to show my response? What can we do to help the world learn?