

Show us the Father

1. It really shouldn't surprise us that the disciples haven't grasped this yet. I know I had to hear the gospel many times before I believed. I mean, before I was regenerated by the Holy Spirit. [1 Corinthians 2:14](#)

1 Corinthians 2:14 ESV

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

2. And as we go on, we're going to see that at the very least, the relationship with or the experience of the Holy Spirit changed or grew for the disciples. We see their transformation as they were filled with the Spirit in [Acts 2](#). [Acts 2:1-4](#)

Acts 2:1-4 ESV

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

3. At that point, they were transformed. Peter gave a sermon that brought 3,000 into the church. But until then, they didn't have the same relationship or perhaps even the indwelling that Jesus is promising them here in [John 14](#).
4. So Philip asks to see the Father. A theophany? [John 14:8](#)

John 14:8 ESV

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

5. Yet, here they have had Jesus, the Son, with them all along. John the Evangelist would eventually write about it late in his life: [1 John 1:1-4](#)

1 John 1:1-4 ESV

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we

proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

6. But Philip wanted a sign. Jesus replied: [John 14:9-11](#)

John 14:9–11 ESV

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

7. Perceiving Jesus. Seeing Him, Knowing not just about Him but knowing Him. Knowing God through Him.
 - a. This tells us that faith, belief, spirit-wrought belief, is needed to really know Jesus. Even those who walked with Him needed that.
 - b. I often wonder about Israel in the desert. They had seen the miracles but were ready to return to Egypt and proceeded to make the golden calf.
 - c. No miracles can do it. Example of Tom the master’s in chem student from U of R who had grown up in an actual snake-handling church that taught that the rapture was imminent from news accounts.
8. There’s also Jesus’ mention of mutual indwelling, that astonishingly will include His people as we see in v. 20. [John 14:11](#)

John 14:11 ESV

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

9. Somehow believing on the works hasn’t happened. It needs the work of the Holy Spirit.

Greater Works Than These

1. Even if the disciples didn’t get what Jesus was telling them on the basis of His works, His miracles, His healings – they certainly understood that they were seeing something out of the ordinary. And yet Jesus tells this group of followers that they will do greater works than His. [John 14:12](#)

John 14:12 ESV

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

2. What are these works? Certainly the Apostles were able to perform miraculous signs. And some miracles have been reported since the closing of the Scriptural

canon, but those are not normative. And Jesus didn't tell them to go forth and perform miracles as their commission ... [Matthew 28:18-20](#)

Matthew 28:18–20 ESV

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

3. So are these physical works and signs, or are we talking spiritual? Works that are the result of the spread of the gospel.
 - a. Jesus had about 500 who believed at the time of His crucifixion.
 - b. Yet 3,000 came to believe at Pentecost with the preaching of the gospel by Peter.
 - c. Before long, millions had come to believe.

Whatever You Ask

1. The next two verses have probably led to a lot of bad theology. Ask me anything? Cool! And He'll do it? Awesome. If I pray with enough “faith” and ask with “in Jesus' name” at the end, God will give me that new Cadillac? Sweet! No. [John 14:13-14](#)

John 14:13–14 ESV

¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

2. This is about asking in His will and purpose, that the Father may be glorified. Invocation of His name is asking in accordance with His purposes. This is not about adding a closing on a prayer almost as an incantation.
3. Isn't conforming us to God's will and participating as a second mover in His purposes why we do pray? [Luke 22:42](#)

Luke 22:42 ESV

⁴² saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”

4. We're not to be praying, in essence, in our name, but on the solid rock of Jesus and His righteousness with the Son glorifying the Father.

Intro to 15-34

1. While studying this chapter, I was struck by how much John's record of the words of Jesus followed the style of his epistles, especially [1 John. 1](#) John can

be difficult to preach and teach through because of the repetitive and cyclical nature of his writing. But this passage not only has the cadence of 1 John, but it echoes the words of that letter.

2. How appropriate to have the Apostle of Love emphasize love in this text. John wrote a similar theme in 1 John as this text.

1 John 2:3–6 ESV

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

3. Later in the letter: [1 John 3:23-24](#)

1 John 3:23–24 ESV

²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

4. John speaks about the love that motivates our obedience and about the Spirit who teaches us and gives us peace.
5. This text is a key passage to really understanding our place in God’s kingdom now and our life in Christ until he returns.

The Text

John 14:15–31 ESV

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

If You Love Me

1. I suppose this is another verse that has gotten turned into something it’s not supposed to be. [John 14:15](#)

John 14:15 ESV

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

2. Very law-oriented theology paints this as strict law-keeping (as in the Ten Commandments) will demonstrate that you love me. And it ends up legally or ethically or morally driven. I would argue from [2 Tim 3:16-17](#) that all scripture informs us. But even more so, since all of scripture informs us about Jesus, that He is the one whose entire story throughout redemptive history informs us. Jesus is the one whose example we follow and whose commands we obey. All of Scripture seen through the lens of Jesus.
3. D.A. Carson says, “What the one who loves Jesus will observe is not simply an array of discrete ethical injunctions, but the entire revelation from the Father, revelation holistically conceived.”

Carson, D. A. *The Gospel according to John*. Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans, 1991. Print. The Pillar New Testament Commentary.

4. Or as John Piper said it so well, “Loving Jesus is not the same as keeping his commandments. It precedes and gives rise to keeping the commandments.” If you love me, [the result is that] you will keep my commandments.
5. And didn’t we hear the greatest commandment? [John 13:34](#)

John 13:34 ESV

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

6. When I was first getting really interested in evangelism, I bought Ray Comfort's *Way of the Master* course material. I had seen him on TV at Venice Beach or wherever in California. He drove things very much via law and used the older and incorrect translation of [Galatians 3:24](#) as using the law as a schoolmaster.
 - a. My experience with using the law as a motivation to people in street evangelism was that people stiffened up and hardened up when I mentioned stealing, or lying, or other of the 10 words.
 - b. But when I turned it to Jesus and to a new covenant approach, the reaction was different. "Jesus told His disciples to love one another with the perfect love He had for them. Have you loved people as He said we should?" People immediately recalled situations in which they didn't and were cut to the heart.
 - c. (Similarly speaking to people of reconciliation with friends and family and drawing the parallel to reconciliation with God at the Open Door Mission.)

Another Helper

1. Jesus will tell the disciples a bit later, "it is to your advantage that I go away," because the Father will send another Helper. [John 14:16-19](#)

John 14:16–19 ESV

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

2. Let's start with a reminder of the Holy Spirit being a person of the Trinity. He is a He. Not a power or a force. Even though we know that, do we act as if that is true? It's almost too bad that we use the definite article.
 - a. Yet some would treat the Holy Spirit as if he's a force or a power to be acquired or sold.
 - b. An advertisement came up on my Facebook feed last week promoting classes in how to become an Apostle for just \$2,997. Doesn't that remind you of Simon the magician?

Acts 8:18–24 ESV

¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

²⁰ But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! ²¹ You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. ²² Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.” ²⁴ And Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.”

3. The word “another” or *allon* in the Greek. We don’t have a similar word in English, but it’s key here. The Helper or *parakletos* – transliterated *paraclete* – is another in the sense of “another like” or “another of the same kind” not “a different helper” or “an additional helper.”
4. Jesus as God-man will go away to prepare a place, but the Holy Spirit, fully God, will come to dwell in His people. And only His people. [John 14:17](#)

John 14:17 ESV

¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Let’s Circle Back

1. Recent discussion at church on sanctification.
2. We have to remember that the obedience of verse 15 is Spirit-empowered by the Helper. It is Christ in us producing the obedience. I often have quoted Jared C. Wilson from his book *Gospel Wakefulness* and what is one of the best analogies of our obedience to God and understanding the good works He has prepared for us:

As long as we’re thinking of achieving the fruit of the Spirit by our efforts to be more faithful and joyful, we may be working in their direction, but we’re getting there by the sweat of our brow. We’ve embraced rowboat spirituality. But think of the obedient work of the Christian life like a sailboat. There are lots of things to do on a sailboat. Sailors don’t just sit there—at least, not for too long. There are lots of working parts on a sailboat and lots of things to pay attention to. But none of those things makes the boat go. The boat doesn’t go unless wind catches the sail.

Our lower-case spirituality is a rowboat. Upper-case Spirituality is a sailboat.

What we are picturing here is the work of the Spiritual disciplines in conformity to the law of God found in his Scriptures, not as the means of propulsion, but as the means of setting the conditions for Spiritual fertility. In obedience, we till the soil of our hearts so that they are more receptive for the planting and growth of the Word in our lives. We obey both in response

to the Spirit's awakening us and in order to raise the sail for the Spirit's movement. "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit" ([Gal. 5:25](#)). When the Spirit resurrects our heart, soul, mind, and strength to latch on to Christ Jesus, obedience comes more naturally (because it comes more supernaturally). To those who love God, loving God is easy to do.

Wilson, Jared C.. Gospel Wakefulness

3. Ours is a Spirit-empowered obedience to Christ, motivated by love, and one with which we put effort into.
4. Some might get into discussions of Synergistic vs. Monergistic. Does God save us monergistically and then do we become more "sanctified" by a synergistic process? Just as in salvation where God is sovereign but man must respond, we too must respond to the Spirit who works in us. It's not a question of one being one way or one being the other. God is sovereign in all. Man is responsible – and responsive – in all.

You Know Him

1. "You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." We're coming to some of the most remarkable parts of this whole discourse. Jesus had told the disciples that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him. But now we learn that the Holy Spirit is in them, mutually, and will be in the disciples – and us – mutually.
2. The world can't receive Him. He is spiritually discerned. The world is not made holy as believers are.
3. Dwells with you and will be in you ...
4. Many of us have discussed the book adapted from James Hamilton's doctoral thesis, *God's Indwelling Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments*.
5. Hamilton sees this as a break from the Old Covenant where the Spirit or Presence of God was with Israel in the Tabernacle and Temple but only given to specific people for a specific time. Such as Kings ... perhaps why in [Psalm 51](#) David could ask for God to not take His Holy Spirit from him. Or among the craftsmen in the Tabernacle. [Exodus 31:1-5](#)

Exodus 31:1-5 ESV

¹ The LORD said to Moses, ² "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³ and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, ⁴ to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ⁵ in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.

Hamilton Excursus

1. Hamilton draws from our text in his argument. In chapter 1 of his book, he writes:

John's Gospel, I believe, teaches that the continual indwelling of the Holy Spirit began to take place only after Jesus completed the work that the Father gave Him to do (17:4). When I first began to pursue this question, because of the Bible's clear teaching on mankind's sinful state (e.g., [Gen 6:5](#); [Jer 17:9](#); [John 8:34](#); [Rom 3:10–18](#)), I was convinced that saving faith requires both regeneration and indwelling by the Holy Spirit. I have concluded, however, that in the absence of a clear affirmation in the Old Testament that the Spirit continually dwelt in the hearts of believers, passages such as [John 7:39](#); [14:17](#); and 16:7 will not permit us to say that the Holy Spirit dwelt in ordinary members of the old covenant remnant on an individual basis.

What does the Bible say about how the Spirit relates to believers before and after the glorification of Jesus? I believe this question is answered by Jesus' statement in [John 14:17](#): “He is with you, and he will be in you.”⁶ Here Jesus encapsulates the Bible's teaching on God's dwelling in relation to believers in the old and new covenants. In the old covenant God faithfully remained with His people, accompanying them in a pillar of fire and cloud, then dwelling among them in the tabernacle and the temple. Under the new covenant, the only temple is the believing community itself, and God dwells not only among the community corporately ([Matt 18:20](#); [1 Cor 3:16](#); [2 Cor 6:16](#)), but also in each member individually ([John 14:17](#); [Rom 8:9–11](#); [1 Cor 6:19](#)). This is the overarching thesis this book seeks to establish.

Hamilton, Jr., James M.. *God's Indwelling Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments* (Nac Studies in Bible & Theology) (p. 3). B&H Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Hamilton continues in chapter 4:

Jesus can be understood as defining a new concept for the disciples on this occasion. He introduces the Paraclete and immediately places the phrase “the Spirit of the truth” in apposition to “another Paraclete” in order to define who the Paraclete is. The phrase “the Spirit of the truth” is then immediately defined as well for the disciples. They are told that the world is not able to receive the Spirit of the truth because it neither sees Him nor knows Him (14:17a). By contrast, the disciples know the Spirit of the truth because He abides with them and will be in them (14:17b-c).¹⁰¹ In the Gospel of John the Spirit has come down on Jesus to remain on Him (1:33), so it seems that by being with Jesus the disciples are with the Spirit.

Jesus tells the disciples that by virtue of knowing Him they know the Father (14:7). In 14:17 Jesus tells them that by knowing Him they also know the Spirit.

“He will be in you” refers to the anticipated reception of the Spirit (7:39) whom the world will not receive. As Carson states, “There are peculiar ways in which the Spirit of truth remains with them already, and will be in them following Jesus' glorification.”¹⁰² In [John 14:15–17](#) Jesus introduces the other Paraclete to His disciples as a word of encouragement

Hamilton, Jr., James M.. *God's Indwelling Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments* (Nac Studies in Bible & Theology) (pp. 78-79). B&H Publishing. Kindle Edition.

2. My point today isn't to argue the finer points of a complete book, but to note that Jesus points to a different relationship with God for believers, and we indeed see a different relationship beginning in [Acts 2](#). What exactly the relationship was for the saints of the old is certainly up for discussion and study. But there is something new in the new covenant and for those who are part of the new creation.

The Contrast

Unlike the old covenant, where adherence to the law was external and often burdensome, the New Covenant invites us into a relationship where obedience flows from a heart filled with love for Christ. The Holy Spirit, the Helper, has been given to us to guide us into this new reality. Through His presence, our obedience is no longer a mere duty, as John Piper might say, but a response of love.

I Will Not Leave You as Orphans

1. Jesus continues to comfort them in their distress at hearing of His departure, even as He is feeling the weight of heading to His crucifixion.

John 14:18–21 *ESV*

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

2. He gives them promises. His resurrection guarantees ours.
3. And then a verse that many, many years ago so astonished me that I just had to sit and contemplate it and try to digest it. [John 14:20](#)

John 14:20 *ESV*

²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

4. The mutual indwelling of the Father and Son of verse 10 expands to the Holy Spirit. And to the disciples. And to us. God has placed His life into us and we now have fellowship with God.
5. Our lives need to be motivated by a constant realization of this. “A constant, conscious, deliberate dependence upon the Holy Spirit.” A constant, unending visceral awareness of God’s intimate presence.
6. And we get a revisit to who it is who loves Jesus. [John 14:21](#)

John 14:21 ESV

²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

7. Love is the indicative, the first cause, of obeying the imperative.
8. No longer is our connection to God limited by time, space, or ritual. The Holy Spirit's indwelling presence brings Christ's companionship, guidance, and comfort directly into our lives. This intimacy defines our identity as children of God and reshapes our relationship with Him.

How Will You Manifest Yourself?

1. This brings up a good question: *How* will you manifest yourself? [John 14:22-23](#)

John 14:22–23 ESV

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

2. He will keep my word. Observe. Treasure. Guard.
3. We will make our home with him. God in His NC temple. Living in His people.
4. But not the world. [John 14:24](#)

John 14:24 ESV

²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

5. The word is the Father’s who sent the Son. To redeem a people unto God.

He Will Teach You All Things

1. The Helper, the Paraclete, is also a teacher. Scripture speaks often of how the Holy Spirit teaches us. [1 Corinthians 2:9-13](#)

1 Corinthians 2:9–13 ESV

⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The Holy Spirit interprets the word of God to us, to those who are spiritual, but He also teaches us through His presence. [1 Thessalonians 4:9](#)

1 Thessalonians 4:9 ESV

⁹ Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another,

That’s even more remarkable. No law, no directive, but the very presence of God causes us to love and to reveal the fruit of the Spirit of [Galatians 5](#).

1 John 2:27 ESV

²⁷ But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

2. Jesus tells His apostles-in-training that the Holy Spirit will teach them all things, and cause them to remember all Jesus has taught them. That’s not us; we need to rehearse these things. But of all things Spiritual, taught through the reading, teaching, and preaching of the word, the Holy Spirit is teaching. Through His presence, He is teaching.
3. The Spirit serves as the Teacher and Remembrancer (to use an archaic word), guiding us into a deeper understanding of Christ's teachings. The New Covenant dismantles the barriers that once separated us from divine knowledge. Through the Spirit's work, the truths of the Gospel become accessible to all believers, regardless of their background or status. The Spirit's guidance ensures that we not only know about Christ but also truly know Him.

Shalom

1. The 20th century, and it looks like the 21st will continue it, was the bloodiest in human history. World War I caused needless deaths. Stalin starved his country and slaughtered many. Neville Chamberlain proclaimed “peace in our time” that only encouraged a war. The Paris Peace Talks were only talk. Peace accords in the middle east have not ended violence. Politicians speak of peace while plotting war and lining their purses and pocketbooks with the spoils of war machinery lobbyists.

Jeremiah 6:13–14 ESV

¹³ “For from the least to the greatest of them,

everyone is greedy for unjust gain;

and from prophet to priest,

everyone deals falsely.

¹⁴ They have healed the wound of my people lightly,

saying, ‘Peace, peace,’

when there is no peace.

2. The world’s “peace” is not peace. Christ’s is. [John 14:27-29](#)

John 14:27–29 ESV

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.

3. Shalom. Not just absence of war or absence of violence, but a general harmony and well-being. More than the song says, “I’ve got a peaceful, easy feeling.” Only God can provide that real peace, that shalom. A shalom that will be eternal when God dwells with His glorified people.
4. The world’s peace is false.
5. Let not your hearts be troubled. Again, as He started. Despite all this.
6. Let not our hearts be troubled.

John 14:28 ESV

²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

7. Jesus will come and bring shalom.
8. Jesus will regain his glory. [Phil 2:5-11](#)

Philippians 2:5–11 ESV

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

9. And when it takes place, they will believe. And they do, when the Spirit comes upon them.
10. Jesus leaves His peace with His disciples and assures them of victory over the world. This promise offers a stark contrast with this world. The peace of Christ transcends our circumstances, reminding us that our identity and security rest in Him. Through the Holy Spirit we can face the challenges of this life with a supernatural peace – the peace that passes all understanding – knowing that Christ's victory over the world has become our victory as well.

The Ruler of this World is Coming

1. Even many people who should know better think of Satan as an equal and opposing force to God. But God has him essentially on a leash, allowing him to pursue his evil purposes, but using him to accomplish God's purposes. So despite the Devil's actions, God is sovereignly and unendingly in charge.
2. So Jesus can say this with complete assurance. [John 14:30-31](#)

John 14:30–31 ESV

³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

3. He has no claim on Jesus. He can carry out his deeds but He cannot claim the Son.
4. Jesus is on mission to do as He has been commanded.
5. He will leave this mission to us, powered and comforted and indwelled by His Spirit, the Spirit of Christ.

6. He will go to the cross, He will be crucified. He will rise on the third day. He will ascend to the Father. In His finished work on the cross, He will have paid for the sins of humanity to redeem His chosen ones and carry them to glory.
7. Given that Jesus has already won the victory, we should proceed through this world without fear.
8. And He has left the work to us to make Him and His gospel known.

Closing

[John 14:15-31](#) reveals the transformed heart of the Christian in this New Covenant era, centered around the promise of the Holy Spirit. It is a transformation from legalistic obedience to love-driven response, from rituals with God at a distance to intimate communion with Him. We move from a mediated revelation of God to an indwelling truth, and from the world's turmoil to a supernatural peace. The Holy Spirit's indwelling presence empowers this journey, allowing us to experience the reality of a living relationship with God, manifested in us.