

JOHN 14:16FF.
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Many years ago, THE AWANA CLUB watched a film one Wednesday night about the young Russian believer who escaped oppression and came and lived in an American "**Christian**" home. I asked the young people how their home life differed from that of the Carnal Christians who were portrayed on the film. I asked how they would live differently if a committed believer was to Come and live in their homes and they were expected to demonstrate the Christian life to them.

Let me ask each of you the same question. What would you do differently if you were host to one who had fled religious persecution For his faith in Christ?

HOW WOULD YOUR LIFE HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT THIS WEEK IF YOU HAD BEEN ESCORTING JESUS AROUND?

- SUPPOSE HE CAME TO STAY WITH YOU,
- WENT ON YOUR JOB WITH YOU,
- ATE WITH YOU.
- WATCHED EVERY MOVE YOU MADE WITH YOUR FAMILY.
- FOLLOWED YOUR GAZE TO SEE WHAT YOU STARED AT THIS WEEK.
- LISTENED TO YOUR HEARTBEAT AS YOU COVETED THE THINGS OF THIS EARTH
- HOW WOULD YOUR WEEK HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT?

NOW SUPPOSE that Jesus couldn't make it. You had planned on him being there, but all of a sudden, there was a change in the plans.

Now suppose that Christ dropped you a line and said, "hey, I can't be there for our time together, so I am sending one of my angels instead. Please treat him as though he were me.

"how would your week go then? Pretty much the same?"

Third scenario - Jesus calls you up and says,

"I will be out of town during the time that you had planned to spend with me. I have my Father's business to attend to. (or, "i must be about my Father's business") but since I cannot be there in person with you, I am sending "**God himself**" to spend some time with you. Oh, and by the way, He won't be spending just a few days with you; he will be with you - **forever**."

THIS IS ESSENTIALLY WHAT JESUS TOLD THE DISCIPLES IN

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you ANOTHER COMFORTER, that he may abide with you **for ever**;

IN

John 13:34-35, JESUS TOLD THE DISCIPLES ABOUT A "**NEW COMMANDMENT**" that is, that they are to "love one another; as I have loved you"

THIS IS A TALL ORDER! GOD COMMANDING MEN TO LOVE OTHER MEN WITH THE SAME FERVENCY THAT HE HIMSELF LOVES THEM.

THIS COMMAND HAD NEVER BEEN GIVEN IN THIS WAY BEFORE. BUT NOW THINGS ARE ABOUT TO CHANGE.

JESUS HAD SAID "**THE HOUR IS COME THAT THE SON OF MAN SHOULD BE GLORIFIED.**" **12:23**

THAT IS:

JESUS "KNEW THAT HIS HOUR WAS COME THAT HE SHOULD DEPART OUT OF THIS WORLD UNTO THE FATHER." 13:1

AND HE TOLD THEM:

"WHERE I GO, YOU CANNOT COME" 13:33B.

BUT JESUS ALSO ASSURES THEM "I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS"

- ❖ I AM ABOUT TO LEAVE YOU –
 - WHERE I GO YOU CANNOT COME –
 - LOVE WITH A DIVINE LOVE ---

ALL OF THIS CONNECTS VITALLY WITH WHAT JESUS IS ABOUT TO TELL THEM IN 14:16-18 ABOUT **A NEW RELATIONSHIP** THAT IS ABOUT TO BE FORMED

READ V.15 - 18

OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD :

- I. IT IS A DIVINE RELATIONSHIP
- II. IT IS A NEW RELATIONSHIP
- III. IT IS AN ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP

TRINITARIAN ASPECT.

14:9. to *Philip*, He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?.
ERGO, JESUS CHRIST IS GOD.

NOW, 14:16 "ANOTHER OF THE SAME KIND"! OF THE SAME NATURE, OF THE SAME STUFF. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD!**

Many today wish that they could have seen Christ. To have known Him in his physical body. Few men did. But now, all believers can have **close intimate fellowship with God** on a moment by moment basis!

- 1 John 1:1** 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—
1:2 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**—
1:3 **that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.**
1:4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

John tells us **twice** in v 1 that he was an **EYEWITNESS** of the things that he is about to tell us. He said, "that which we have **seen with our eyes** AND that which we have **LOOKED upon**."

The first word that John used for SEEING is the Gk. word HORAO which means the physical act of seeing something and understanding that which he saw.

He **then** used the Gk. word *theomai* which is where we get our English word "theater"

It means "to behold or view attentively. It is such looking as seeks merely the satisfaction of sight.

In essence, John said "***we saw Him with our eyes and understood what we saw, and we gazed at Him with a mingling of awe and admiration.***"

We heard Him with our ears and our hands actually touched His human body and we found Him to be the very WORD OF LIFE."

We had INTIMATE fellowship with Him on a daily basis and **now in v 3 he tells us that he wants us to share in this same close fellowship that he and the other apostles had.** (*excerpt from 1 john 1:1-3 message*)

ANOTHER OF THE SAME KIND - . . .

"The Holy Spirit is often referred to as the **third person of the trinity**. The term "**third person**" in no way implies that He is any way inferior to the Father and the Son. When we speak of Him as such, the term "third person" denotes His **FUNCTION** within the Godhead.

THE **FATHER** IS THE **ORIGINATOR**;
THE **SON** THE **EXECUTOR**;
AND THE **HOLY SPIRIT** IS THE **APPLICATOR**.

In salvation for example, the **FATHER GAVE HIS SON**;
the **SON CAME TO PAY THE PRICE FOR SIN** and break the power of death;
and the **HOLY SPIRIT APPLIES THE SALVATION** that has been provided.

Therefore, when we use that title, "the third person of the trinity," for the Holy Spirit, we must be careful not to give the impression that He is any less important than God the Father and God the Son. The Holy Spirit is also God. *Richard W. DeHaan booklet #170 p. 1.*

If your **HEAD** has the idea to make a pair of shoes,
your **HANDS** actually do the work of crafting the shoes,
but your **FEET** ultimately make the **direct application of the shoes**,

you are **NOT THREE PEOPLE BUT ONE**.

LIKEWISE WITHIN THE GODHEAD.

God the Father has the plan,
God the Son carries out the plan,
and GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT APPLIES THAT PLAN.

THE CO-EQUALITY OF THE GODHEAD MAY BE TRACED FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION.
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD.

Acts 5:3-4 "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to **LIE TO THE HOLY GHOST**, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it

was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? **THOU HAST NOT LIED UNTO MEN, BUT UNTO GOD.**

IN THE "NEW RELATIONSHIP" THAT THE CHURCH SUSTAINS WITH THE LORD IN THIS AGE, **2 PETER 1:4** TELLS US THAT WE ARE "**PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE**"

II Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding **great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

I. IT IS A NEW RELATIONSHIP : 17

ABIDE WITH YOU, DWELLETH IN YOU, (NOW) SHALL BE IN YOU.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall **give you another Comforter, THAT HE MAY ABIDE WITH YOU FOR EVER**; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: **BUT YE KNOW HIM; FOR HE DWELLETH WITH YOU, AND SHALL BE IN YOU.**

IN THE **OLD TESTAMENT** - THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN AN INDIVIDUALS LIFE WAS AT BEST, TRANSITORY

DAVID

- **Psalm 51:11** "TAKE NOT THY HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME"

Psa 51:11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, **And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.** NKJV

IN THE **EARLY PART OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**, WE FIND A SIMILAR TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP EXISTING –

That is, one in which an individual desiring to fellowship with the Holy Spirit, needed to ask for this relationship.

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

BUT THIS IS PRIOR TO PENTECOST! THIS WAS AT A TIME WHEN THE **Holy Spirit MAY HAVE "DWEALT WITH MEN -- THERE WAS THE CONVICTING THE INFILLING, THE EQUIPPING OF THE O.T. SAINT, -- BUT JESUS PROMISED IN **JOHN 14:17** THAT **THE DAY WAS FAST APPROACHING WHEN THE SPIRIT WOULD "BE IN THEM"****

I Corinthians 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the **TEMPLE OF GOD** is holy, **WHICH TEMPLE YE ARE.**

I Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that **YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS IN YOU**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

II Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the **temple of God with idols? FOR YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD**; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

II. IT IS AN ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that **HE MAY ABIDE WITH YOU FOR EVER;**

THIS IS NOT A CONDITIONAL CLAUSE.

IT IS A STATEMENT OF FACT. WE WILL NEVER HAVE TO PRAY TO RECEIVE THE SPIRIT. WE ALREADY HAVE HIM. COULDN'T GET RID OF HIM IF WE TRIED.

I Corinthians 12:13 For by **one Spirit** are we **all baptized** into **one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but **in the Spirit**, if so be that the **Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if **any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his**.

BUT WE HAVE THE SPIRIT! WE HAVE GOD WITHIN US, PERMANENTLY!

(did not use 2015 – because this is the week after we had communion. Did July 4 message last week.)

COMMUNION IS NOT A MATTER OF TRANSUBSTANTIATION* NOR CONSUBSTANTIATION*

**TRANSUBSTANTIATION* according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, the bread and the wine used in the sacrament of the Eucharist become, not merely as by a sign or a figure, but also in actual reality the body and blood of Christ

**CONSUBSTANTIATION* - holds that during the sacrament, the fundamental "substance" of the body and blood of Christ are present *alongside* the substance of the bread and wine, which remain present.

1. COMMUNION IS A CONFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH
2. **COMMUNION IS A CELEBRATION OF OUR UNION WITH CHRIST**
3. COMMUNION IS AN ACCLAMATION OF CHRIST'S RETURN