

John 15

John 14-17 Between the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane

Recurring Themes: **Love, Family, Commitment, Glory**

Review: Jesus went to the Cross seeing the Glory (Jn 13:31)

Glory and Suffering inextricably linked (Phil 3:10)

He is responding to their distress

You have a Place in the Family of God through Indwelling Oneness

Two Way Commitment of Love (our end = keep His word)

Works come from the Father and Glorify the Father

Everyone in the Family can do the Works

John 15:1-8 Vine word picture

Father, through Jesus (the Way/Vine) produces Fruit in us

Disciples of Jesus always bear Fruit (pruning – mark of son Heb 12:5-11)

We don't have to get Clean, we have to ABIDE (maintain oneness)

In Jesus guaranteed much fruit; without Jesus nothing

Abiding (Word Jn 17:17) leads to Fruit (Works) that Glorifies the Father

One Thing verses – all about Abiding

David: One Thing I Desire (Ps 27:4)

Paul: One Thing I Do (Phil 3:13-14)

Jesus: One Thing is Needed (Lk 10:41-42) contrast worry (distress)

Psalms 127:1

He doesn't want us to just do work for Him.

He wants us to let Him do work through us.

Abiding in Jesus is the One Necessary Thing

John 15:9-17

Jesus loves us like the Father loves Him! (Eph 3:17-19)

Abide in knowledge of His Love (it never changes Heb 13:8)

Our Love Commitment is to keep His Word (Jn 14:15-24) ~ how we Abide

Joy in being loved (Jn 14:27 Peace) regardless of circumstances (sorrow Jn 16:6)

Restatement of command to Love like Jesus (Jn 13:34)

Promoted from Servants to Friends

Because of reciprocal Love Commitment to Obey

Because of Family Intimacy

Chosen (adopted) and Appointed to bear Fruit (from Father through Jesus)

(Ro 8:15-18) ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Adopted into God's Family: Glory with Suffering

John 15:18-25

The World will Hate and Persecute us because we're in God's Family (expected)

(1Pe 4:12-13) ¹²Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

Don't let the World's Hatred make you doubt His Love or compromise yours. (Jn 16:1)

Works help people Believe (Jn 14:11) but also convict of Sin (Jn 16:8-9)

We cannot make the Gospel more palatable. It divides. (Mt 10:34-39)

John 15:26-27

The Holy Spirit, from the Father, through Jesus, glorifies Jesus (more in Jn 16)