

We will begin the 12th lecture on the book of John. /Today's message is from John 14.
/The title of the chapter is, "Do not be Troubled."

/Here are the main points of the chapter. /First, Jesus goes to prepare a place. /Verses 1-3.
/Second, Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. /Verses 4-11. /Third, pray in the name of the Lord. /Verses 12-15. /Fourth, the Holy Spirit, the Helper. /Verses 16-31.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

/The time for Jesus to die on the cross was near. /The disciples knew that Jesus would die, and they were troubled. /Jesus told them to not be troubled.

/Why did he say this? /He said this because if we believe in God and believe in Jesus, there is no need to be troubled. /We receive eternal life if we believe in Jesus. /If we live in the life of Jesus, we have salvation. /Hence we shall not fear death.

/Verse 2. /In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

/Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many rooms." / "My Father's house" refers to the place where God the Father dwells. /This place is heaven. /It is also the world of redemption. /Jesus said he will go and prepare a place for us.

/Heaven was prepared before Creation. /Matthew 25:34. /Therefore this does not mean Jesus is going to prepare heaven. /He is going to "prepare a place," which means Jesus is going to fulfill the world of redemption for us.

/Jesus is going to prepare the way of salvation. /Jesus died on the cross and rose again. /Jesus prepared the world of redemption through his death and resurrection. /For this reason, if we believe in Jesus, we enter the world of salvation.

/Verse 3. /And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

/Through Jesus's atoning death on the cross, he has prepared the world of salvation. /Jesus will come again and guide us to that world.

/Verses 4-5. /And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

/Jesus completes the work of redemption by dying on the cross and resurrecting. /Afterwards, Jesus goes to God the Father. /Thus Jesus is the way to the Father. /Refer to verse 6.

/Thomas asked Jesus, / “Lord, we do not know where you are going.” /Because Thomas was thinking in the worldly, physical way, he did not know.

/Verse 6. /Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

/Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. /We can only go to the Father through Jesus. /Jesus is the way. /First, he is the way to heaven. /Second, he is the way to God the Father.

/All of us are sinners. /We were all enemies of God. /If we do not believe in Jesus, we cannot go to the Father. /Jesus is the way to the Father.

/Third, Jesus is the way to being forgiven of sins. /We sinners can only be forgiven through the blood of Jesus. /Hebrews 9:22. /Next it says that Jesus is the truth. /The “truth” is something that is true and right.

/First, Jesus is the truth that reveals God’s existence. /We know God the Father through Jesus. /Second, Jesus is the truth that fulfills God’s covenant. /God made a covenant with man.

/Jesus fulfilled the covenant by completing the work of redemption. /That is why Jesus is the truth that fulfills the covenant. /Third, Jesus is the truth that reveals to us every secret in heaven and earth.

/Fourth, Jesus is the truth that informs us about God’s image. /Next, Jesus is the life. /First, Jesus is the source of all life. /He created every form of life.

/Also, through him, all life is preserved and exists. /Second, Jesus is the spiritual life. /We are alive when we are united with Jesus. /Third, Jesus is the life that revives our soul. /Ephesians 4:15.

/Jesus said, “No one comes to the Father except through me.” /Only through Jesus can we go to the Father who is in heaven. /Acts 4:12. /Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins. /We human beings are all sinners.

/Because Jesus shed his blood, we are forgiven of sins. /Also, through Jesus, our souls are born again. /We are reborn, and we can enter heaven. /John 3:5; Ephesians 2:1.

/God has through the word and the Holy Spirit brought our spirits to life. /We need to preach to nonbelievers that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. /In Jesus is salvation and life.

/Verse 7. /If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

/Whoever knows Jesus knows God the Father. /God reveals everything about his character through Jesus. /Therefore whoever sees Jesus has seen God the Father. /Whoever knows Jesus knows God the Father.

/Verse 8. /Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

/Philip wanted to see God with the eyes of the flesh. /He did not know God was there in spirit. /He tried to feel physical knowledge and emotions from God. /It is wrong to attempt to see the invisible God with the senses of the flesh.

/Verse 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’?”

/Whoever has seen Jesus has seen God. /Jesus revealed everything about God’s character. /Jesus and God the Father are one.

/Verses 10-11. /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. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

/The Father dwells in Jesus and does his works. /Jesus in spirit is in God. /Therefore we must believe Jesus’s words. /Jesus is not speaking on his own authority.

/The Father is in Jesus and is speaking. /Jesus is telling the words of God just as they are. /We in turn must believe the works of Jesus.

/The reason is God dwells in Jesus. /Also, Jesus works according to the will of God. /Thus Jesus is in God the Father. /God the Father works in Jesus.

/Whoever believes in Jesus believes in the Father. /Whoever has seen Jesus has seen God. /Jesus is God in the Trinity. /God the Father and Jesus are equal.

/Jesus reveals the image of God. /We see God the Father through Jesus. /We see God with the eyes of our spirits. /We see God with the eyes of our faith.

/We see God through the words of the Bible. /Therefore we must not attempt to see God and believe in him with the eyes of the flesh. /Some people create an image of God and serve it.

/After the exodus from Egypt, the Israelites made a calf and called it God. /What is the second commandment of the Ten Commandments? /We must not make an idol and serve it as God.

/God is there in spirit. /God is alive. /He is the Maker of the entire universe. /Our God fills the entire universe.

/Verse 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.

/This is Jesus’s work of redemption. /Those who believe participate in the work of the Lord in faith. /Believers participate by being obedient. /Believers are capable of doing the works that Jesus does.

/Jesus said, “And greater works than these will he do.” /We believers can do greater works than these. /We are weak, so how can we do things that are greater than the works of Jesus? /It refers to the work of redemption.

/We move forward by building the church. /We preach to those who don’t believe and save them. /Jesus is the cornerstone. /Through his cross, death, and resurrection, Jesus has set the foundation for redemption.

/As we are living in the New Testament times, we must build a house of faith. /We need to preach the gospel and make people believe, /which is building the house of faith. /Jesus is the foundation, /and the work of redemption of the New Testament church times means constructing a building on top of the foundation.

/Raising a church in the New Testament church times is doing greater things than the works of Jesus. /Jesus first sent out his twelve disciples. /Later on, three thousand, then five thousand people repented.

/Today, billions of Christians all over the world believe in Jesus. /How great of a work is this? /This is all because of the grace of God. /We need to praise God and boast in Jesus alone.

/We are co-workers with God and with Jesus. /How grateful we should be for this! /When we do works of faith in the church, we are doing God’s work. /We become glorious workers. /Therefore we must always be grateful and humble.

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

/When we pray, we need to pray in the name of Jesus. /We need to be powered by Jesus’s merit when we pray. /We sinners were enemies of God. /We have been separated from him.

/Now, because of the redeeming merit of Jesus, we are at peace with God. /To receive God’s helping grace, we need to boldly approach God’s throne of grace.

/Before, as sinners, we could not go before God the Father. /Now that we believe in Jesus we can confidently go before God. /We too are sons of God. /We can call God “Father.”

/Therefore, if we pray in Jesus’s name, God listens to our prayers. /From there, we need to pray according to Jesus’s will. /We must not seek things according to our greed.

/Jesus continued and said, “That the Father may be glorified in the Son.” /God carries out his will and redemption through Jesus Christ. /And God receives the glory.

/We must continue the work of salvation through Jesus Christ. /God listens to us when we seek things in the name of Jesus.

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

/To someone who loves Jesus, his commandments are not burdensome. /1 John 5:3. /When we enter the world of love, we love God, and we love our neighbors as we love ourselves. /We also keep the commandments. /Whoever loves God keeps his commandments.

/Verse 16. /And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

/ “Helper” here means “Advocate,” “Defender,” and “Protector.” /Jesus is an advocate with the Father, and he pleads the case for sinners. /1 John 2:1. /After Jesus ascended into heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit, the Helper.

/Jesus is our Helper, /and so is the Holy Spirit. /That is why 16:7 calls the Holy Spirit our Helper. /Normally, we refer to the Holy Spirit when we say Helper. /In chapter 16, we will talk in detail about the Holy Spirit our Helper.

/Verse 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.

/The Helper, the Holy Spirit, is the Spirit of truth. /Therefore those who do not believe do not know him. /Because of the Holy Spirit, we believers believe in Jesus. /1 Corinthians 12:3. /The Holy Spirit protects us. /He is always immanent within our hearts.

/Verse 18. /“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

/This refers to the Pentecost. /After Jesus resurrected and ascended into heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit the Helper to his disciples. /He sent the Holy Spirit to be with his believers.

/Verse 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.

/Soon, Jesus will die on the cross. /The people of the world will not see Jesus anymore. / Here, Jesus said, “Because I live, you also will live.” /Jesus lives forever as a spirit.

/He is also united with his believers. /Believers’ spirits are alive as well. /Believers continue to live with Jesus. /By believing in Jesus, we see him. /We also live together with Jesus. /Hence we have eternal life.

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

/ “That day” refers to the day of the coming of the Holy Spirit. /When the Holy Spirit comes, the spiritual world is opened. /We come to know that Jesus is in the Father. /Additionally, believers are in Jesus. /Jesus is in us, believers.

/The Holy Spirit allows us to know this. /He is immanent in us; he is always with us. /Thus we always communicate and share a relationship with the Holy Spirit.

/Verse 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.”

/We need to keep Jesus’s commandments. Whoever loves Jesus keeps his commandments. /To someone who loves Jesus, Jesus’s commandments are not burdensome. /1 John 5:3. /We are free when we keep the commandments.

/We are free in the truth. /8:31, 32. /Fish are free when they are in the water. /Sheep are free when they are with the shepherd. /We believers are free in Jesus’s truth.

/Therefore we must love God and love Jesus. /We must love our neighbors as well. /Then we will be loved by the Father.

/Verse 22. /Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?”

/Here we have Judas, who is not Judas Iscariot. /This Judas is the son of James. /Luke 6:16. /He is also called Thaddaeus. /Matthew 10:3. /Mark 3:18. /This Judas did not understand Christ’s spiritual movement of salvation.

/He only thought about the king of the world. /Jesus is not the king of this world of the flesh. /He is the king of all believers.

/Verse 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.

/Believers who truly love Jesus will lay down their lives to keep the word. /God loves those who keep the word in this way. /God comes to this believer and loves and protects him. /Hebrews 11:5-6.

/Verse 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.

/Those who live in the flesh do not obey the Lord's words. /Romans 8:7. /Non-believers do not obey Jesus's words. /Jesus's words are the words of the Father.

/Verses 25-26. /"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 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.

/Right now, the disciples do not understand the profound meaning of Jesus's words. /They do not understand his words. /However, when the Helper, the Holy Spirit, comes, he will help them understand the word of truth.

/The Helper, the Holy Spirit, is the Advocate. /He opens the ears of our spirit and helps us understand the word of truth. /2 Timothy 3:16. /John 16:13.

/Verse 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.

/Jesus soon goes to die on the cross. /In verse 1, the disciples were troubled. /Now Jesus is giving peace to them. /He is extending his peace to them. /The peace of the Lord remains with them.

/The peace that Jesus gives us is different than the peace of the world. /This isn't peace of the flesh. /It is a peace that goes beyond anything of this world. /It is the peace of our hearts. /It is a spiritual peace.

/We receive this peace through Jesus. /It is a peace that comes from the forgiveness of sins. /Through Jesus, our sins are forgiven. /Originally, we are sinners. /We were enemies of God.

/After we sin, God disciplines us. /Then we feel anxious, frustrated, and miserable. /However we have come to believe in Jesus. /Jesus gave us peace. /We are forgiven of our sins.

/Here we have freedom and joy. /We can boldly go before God. /Thus this peace is a fundamental peace. /The Holy Spirit makes it known to us, and he guides us.

/Therefore we need not be troubled or worried. /We believe in God the Father, and we believe in Jesus. /The Helper, the Holy Spirit, guides us.

/Verse 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.

/Because Jesus said he was going away and coming back, the disciples were troubled.
/But because Jesus is coming back and the Holy Spirit is coming, we can rejoice. /The disciples will rejoice in the fact that the Lord is returning to the Father.

/Jesus now goes to die on the cross. /The disciples should not be sad about his death.
/Rather, they should be glad. /They should be glad because Jesus resurrected from the dead to defeat sin and death. /The Lord will be raised from the dead.

/Furthermore, the Lord sends the Holy Spirit the Helper to us. /The Holy Spirit has come to stay with us. /He also carries out the work of salvation. /The Holy Spirit builds the church.

/Many people come to believe in Jesus. /Thus the disciples should be glad. /We too need to be glad in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

/Verse 29. /And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.

/Those who do not know about this will not know until it is fulfilled. /That is why Jesus is telling them beforehand. /Then, when the work is fulfilled, we will believe and understand.

/Verse 30. /I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,

/ “The ruler of this world” is the devil. /The devil gathers all of his servants to nail Jesus to the cross. /But Jesus did not die because of the devil.

/He voluntarily gave his life to save his people. 10:18. /Thus the devil has nothing to do with Jesus. /Jesus chose to die on the cross of his own accord. /The Lord came to save us.

/Verse 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.

/Jesus loves the Father, so he carried out the work of redemption that the Father had prepared. /Jesus obeyed the Father’s commandments just as they were. /He did this so that people would come to know Christ and believe.

/Jesus loves God the Father. /He acts according to God’s commands. /Therefore whoever believes in Jesus is saved. /Believers come to obey God’s commandments.

/Believers come to love God the Father. /Jesus is the only way, the truth, and the life.

/This concludes our 12th lecture on the book of John. /Thank you.