

Series: Great Gospel Invitations
“Blessed Assurance” or “Separation Anxiety” # 14
John 14:1-6
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The Disciples received some troubling news- Jesus was going away, and they could not follow- they were about to suffer a loss.

A. Troubled means distressed, agitated, perplexed, and fearful in soul and spirit.

B. It is the opposite of a troubled heart is a quiet, peaceful heart. The Greek grammar means don't be troubled now or in the future.

TT- Jesus makes 4 encouraging statements to encourage his disciples then and now, in light of discouragement and last day's perils.

I. “Believe Also in Me (14:1)."

The phrase “Believe in God, believe also in me” is one imperative. It says, believe in God believe in me. They were going through separation anxiety [13:36-38]. The thought of betrayal and departure greatly disheartened the disciples.

Ill. of Pastor Henry, “Pray my faith doesn't fail.” I quoted to him **Luke 22:31-32**, “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: (32) But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted [turned again], strengthen thy brethren.”

We go through many things and circumstances in this life that shake us. God knew all that and is working out his providence and is praying for us. I know one thing for certain, The Father has and always will answer the son's prayers.

His intercessory work includes the cross and his high priestly work in heaven right now.

I. “Believe Also in Me (14:1)."

II. “I go to Prepare a Place for You (14:2)."

1. “In My Father's house” Paul spoke of three heavens- atmosphere, stars, and God's throne. Many mansions means many dwelling places, rooms, or abiding places.

2. “I go to prepare a place” Jesus is preparing a place for a people and also preparing a people for a place.

- Jesus prepared a place for us by his death and resurrection.
- Jesus prepared a place for us by his ascension into heaven. If Jesus had not entered into the heavenly tabernacle as our great High Priest, we could not have access [Heb. 9:24, 28].
- The word prepare means to make ready, to furnish completely, to provide. The Greek tense means a simple action not continuous.
- Just as he spoke the heavens and earth into being by divine fiat, He spoke our future home into existence.

Believers go directly to this place when their body falls asleep. “Absent from the body present with the Lord,”

“Departing and being with Christ.”

One of my favorite funeral messages is, “Why Christians go to Heaven when they die.” The price Jesus paid, the promise Jesus made, and the prayer Jesus prayed!

III. “I will Come Again” (14:3).

“I will come again,” “Behold I come quickly,” “As you seen Him go, He will come again,” “The Lord Himself will descend,” “Meet the Lord in the air,” “to wait for his son from heaven.”

This is the first mention of the pre-tribulation rapture by Jesus. At the second coming He returns to stay on earth (Zech. 14:3-4; Matt. 24:29-31; Rev. 19:11-21). At the rapture He takes us where He is, Heaven.

IV. “No Man Comes Unto the Father, But by Me” (14:4-6).

He is not one of many ways or just shows the way, He is **the only** way because He is the only person who qualifies to be the Savior because of his perfect life, death for our sins, and his bodily resurrection. He is at the right hand of the Father.

He is not only true, He is the truth. He is life but he is eternal life. He is the source of both spiritual and eternal life. No one comes to the Father for eternal life except he comes first by the way of faith in Jesus the Christ.

Salvation is not in the Ten Commandments, Christian creed, golden rule, church membership, good works, or even striving to live a perfect life and not sin, we can't do that. He was perfect for you. Salvation is believing in the person of Jesus Christ. There are two conflicting views on how to get to heaven:

1. Human Achievement or Works Righteousness.

Jesus called it the broad road or wide gate- Road of works, goodness, church membership, religion, universalism, many roads through many gods.

2. Divine Achievement or Grace Righteousness.

Jesus said the road was narrow with one gate, and few find it. By Grace alone, thru faith alone, in Christ alone!