



Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice;

Oh come to the Father, thro' Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.

### **Study of John 14: 15 to 21 (NIV)**

**15** "If you love me, keep my commands.

**16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

**17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be<sup>[a]</sup> in you.

**18** I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

**19** Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

**20** On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

**21** Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Think about the setting. What would the atmosphere have been? These men have spent the last 3 years following Jesus, they have left families, jobs, homes – and now Jesus has told them that He is going to leave them. How would they have felt?



15. Jesus tells them they will keep his commandments if they love Him. What are His commandments? What is the summary of the Law? Keeping commandments will never earn us a place in Heaven – it will not give us salvation. What will? God has provided a way for us to have salvation through the gift of His Son. When we have accepted that gift and have a relationship with Him, we will want to keep His commandments – through love.
16. Jesus knew that we could not keep His commandments on our own. So what is He going to do for us? Who is this advocate? How long will He be with us?
17. What does Jesus mean by ‘the Spirit of Truth’? Why can the world not receive this Spirit of Truth? How is it that we can receive the Spirit of Truth? What difference does it make to us? Could people see the difference in us? How would they know that we had this Spirit?
18. Jesus tells them that He will not leave them ‘orphaned’. What connotations does that word bring to mind? What will He do to assure we are not left as orphans? How will He do this?
19. How will they see Him? Jesus will live. What does that mean for us? How will we live also?
20. What will we know? When will we know it?
21. What is the proof of love for Jesus? What are the benefits? How will Jesus reveal Himself to us? What difference should it make to us?
22. What are the benefits to your nursing practice of having the Holy Spirit living in you?

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD – Psalm 46:10 In a private quiet place, come into the presence of God. Consider who God is, His character, and His relationship to you. Read and meditate on the following verses – Psalm 145:3, Psalm 147:5, Psalm 148:5, Psalm 146:6, Psalm 100:3, Psalm 136:1, Learn more of God’s greatness through meditating on Psalm 93. Wait on God. Rest in Him. Feel the strength and gentle comfort of the everlasting arms. Tell Him what is on your heart. Know that He loves you and cares so very much. You are important to Him. He sent His Son to die for you, that you might share this time with him.



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