

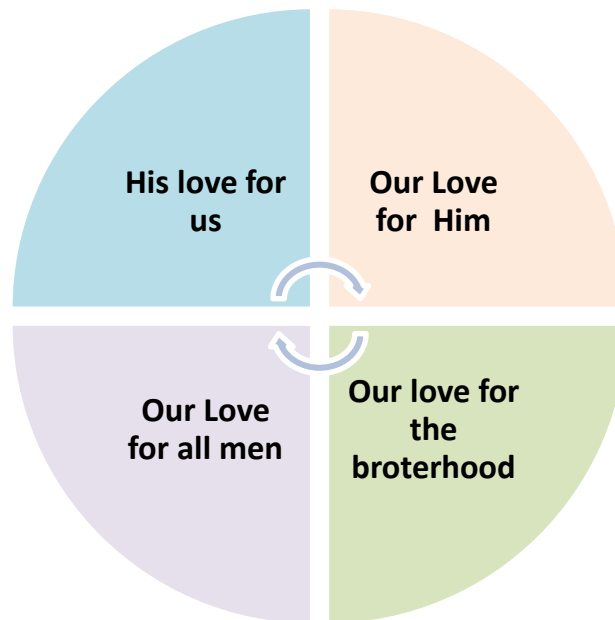
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Keep yourself in the Love of God

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What the world needs now is love sweet love. It's the only thing that there is just too little of. These are familiar lyrics from a song made popular by Dionne Warwick in 1966. Many of us from that era probably find ourselves singing this song from time to time and thinking about how true this song is for our world today.

I think that deep down, we all experience the lack of what we know is love to some degree. All of us know and experience the pain of being hurt by others and we experience the **love deficit** in our own hearts because of the pain we have caused to others. In our hearts we know that something is missing. We know that we should not have treated people that we care about in a manner that brings pain to their lives. This is the reason for language like, I'm sorry, I should not have done that, or this won't happen again. But, I think most of us will agree that the people that we know, including ourselves, find ourselves repeating the "I'm sorry" language over and over again.

We keep hurting the people that are in our path of life, and many times over and over again. The pain that we cause them and that they cause us range from verbal abuse backbiting and destroying reputations, all the way to violent emotional and/or physical abuse and even death in some cases.

In reality as mere human beings, we live selfish and socially unproductive lives that are personally and socially destructive to ourselves and devastating to the people in our path. Many of them are even those that we claim we love.

I think if we consider the relationships that we have now or have had in the past all of us can admit to the experience of this **love deficit** in our own hearts. And, with this experience we know that there is a space in our hearts that must be filled with true love if we are to behave unselfishly toward family, friend and enemies and eliminate the pain that we cause to others.

On our own and without the **Divine enablement of a Loving Creator** we try over and over again to fix broken relationships through human means. Flowers and a box of candy, get away for the week end, counseling and group therapy are all social ways that we try on our own to fix the deficit of love in the human heart that drives our selfish, destructive behavior toward others. Unfortunately, the reality is that we find ourselves repeating the same destructive behavior over and over again and finding socially unhealthy ways of coping with our incapacity to love without strings attached.

But the truth is that we as mere human beings are incapable of living the Love that God created us to enjoy personally and socially *apart from communion with our Creator*.

Apart from him we are dead in trespasses and sin and alienated from the life of love that only he can enable and empower us to live (**Eph 3:15-4:1-2, Eph 2:5, Eph 4:17-25, Eph 4:32-5:1-2**).

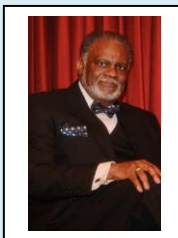
The person that we became in bondage to sin has an unquenchable thirst to use our innate faculties of heart to fulfil our perverted innate desires of flesh and mind in a manner that displeases God, that produces a habit of personal behavior that is short of the God's glory and that is socially destructive to the people that we live with (Eph 2:1-3, Eph 4:17-22, Rom 3:23,). Having been created in God's image, we are born with the moral ability of heart to live in communion with our Creator, to obey his commands, experience his unconditional love, love him in return and be motivated by that love to live in loving relationships with others. But, our bondage to sin separates us from our creator and renders us incapable of being loved by him, loving him in return and loving others as he loves us (**Rom 1:18-26, 28-32, Rom 3:10, 23, Rom 2:14-15, Gen 4:5-9, I Jn 3:11-12, Rom 13:8-10, Mark 12:33-34**).

In short, without the power and might of the presence of our Creator dwelling living in our hearts we have no capability to be loved by him and love others unconditionally. This happens only when our heart becomes the habitation of the God who Created it living in it and renewing it day by day to live as a new person with the Capacity to be loved by him.

Without the presence of our Creator in our hearts and being loved by him unconditionally, the word love in practice becomes whatever we as human beings desire it to become as the definition fits the fulfillment of our selfish desires.

So, at the point of New Birth, the Creator of our hearts comes to live and dwell in it to empower and enable it to experience his unconditional love, day by day, in an ever increasing degree. The eternal outcome of our abounding experience of his love for us is that we love him in return and love others as he loves us. Our love for him and others is manifested by our submission to him as Lord and our obedience to his commands. In particular to the command to love others as he loves us...**John 13:34**.

Evangelist's



II Tim 2:1-3 Table of Content

Date	Topics	Primary/ Backup Teachers
January 8 Week 2	Who is Attending these Sessions (Class Layout and Objectives)	Thomas Owens
January 15 Week 3	Overview and Preparation	Thomas Owens
January 22 Week 4	Introduction (Keep Your Heart in the Love of God) Jude 1:20-21	Rudy Prowl Thomas Owens
February 5 Week 1	Your Eternal Outcome is your Choice (Eph 3:16-17, I Thess 3:12-13) Class Presentations	Charles Sykes Rudy Prowl
February 12 Week 2	What is Your Promised Inheritance (Phil 3:21, I John 3:1-2) Class Presentations	Vince Cannon James Berry
February 19 Week 3	Present Thinking about your Inheritance (I Thess 3:12-13, II Peter 3:9-14) Class Presentations	Theodus Prowell Goeffrey Jones
February 26 Week 4	Keep your heart in the Love of God (Looking for His Mercy Jude 1:21) Class Presentations	James Berry Rudy Prowl
March 5 Week 1	Prayer, Promise and Presence of Jesus Introduction ...John 14:15-24 Class presentations	Theodus Prowell Vince Cannon
March 12 Week 2	I Will Come (God's presence in our Hearts (John 14:18-24)) Class Presentations	Rudy Prowl James Berry
March 19 Week 3	God our Creator our Comforter Class Presentations	Rudy Prowl Charles Sykes
March 26 Week 4	His promise Fulfilled Your Obedience / Commands (Acts 2:36-41) Class Presentations	Rudy Prowl Vince Cannon
April 2 Week 1		
April 9 Week 2		
April 16 Week 3		
April 23 Week 4		
May 7 Week 1		
May 14 Week 2		
May 21 Week 3		
May 28 Week 4		

Primary Teaching Partnerships

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- 1. Primary Teacher** Teach class and help with devotional if needed
 - 2. Backup Teacher** Extend Invitation, Make Announcements, Teach class if primary not available
 - 3. Facilitator Teacher** Direct Devotional, Time Keeper, Take Attendance, greet visitors, new people
- > **Strategy for Success**
- a.** Meet Regularly Teaching Teams
 - b.** Prayerfully consider class questions and promoting class involvement
 - c.** Build Class participation through outreach and encouragement to membership (call class members)
 - 4.** Study and Preparation; the class will know when we don't.
 - 5.** Class Questions: **see appendix** on teaching the class to ask learned questions that increases their faith
 - 6.** Each Learning Session is Two weeks minimum

Class Presentations and Purpose

Eph 4:11-16, I Cor 3:9 – Acts 18:24-28

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Those who attend class will have the opportunity every other week to do a 10-15 minute presentation to encourage the class on a key point in the lesson plan. They will be working with the primary teacher who partners with them to help the class.

Our goal is to encourage each member to partner with us to allow God to enable them to take advantage of the opportunities to teach the people that he places in their lives day to day (Eph 4:14-16, Acts 8:4).

The lesson plan emphasizes the value of proactively walking by faith with your Creator. It emphasizes the enablement that he provides through grace to be productively connected to the Local Body of Christ fulfilling the teaching ministry to which you are called (Eph 4:14-16). The Love that motivates your teaching ministry is the outcome of the fulfillment of the prayer revealed in Eph 3:15-21. We keep the command of Hebrews 10:25 as a teacher of truth (Heb 5:11-14).

We are able to provoke love and good works when we ourselves are walking by faith in communion with our creator and are motivated by his love. Saints who are abounding in the Love of God will be motivated to share the Truth with the people that God place in their path of faith.

All Enter the Faith with the Mind of Christ

I Cor 2:14-16, I Cor 3:1-3



Remember
Jude 17, 20-21
Consider
II Tim 2:7

Eph 5:10 Prove What is acceptable

Eph 5:17 Understanding what the will of the Lord is

Eph 3:1-3 Read and Understand (prove all things,
(Eph 4:14-16, Heb 5:11-14, I Thess 5:21)

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In addition to encouraging daily bible study habits in fulfillment of the command in Col 3:16-17. We will be

- > **answering any questions** by giving you a short answer if known, giving out line of passages after class that help you further understand if needed
- > **calling your attention to information** in the booklet that related to your question
- > **providing study outlines** for you to gain a deeper understanding of bible concepts covered in the lesson plan.

> **Consider** (put your mind on) Commanded pres. Cont.

> **Remember** (Bear in mind, recollect – Aorist passive (allow what's in your memory about the word's of Christ to come up (II Pet 1:12-14, II Pet 1:9

Partnering with God the Spirit praying these two prayers about your continued understanding of the power working in our behalf Eph 3:20, and Eph 6:10-18.

Eph 1:17-19

17: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, the most glorious Father, would give you a wise spirit, along with revelation that comes through knowing the Messiah fully.

18: Then, with the **eyes of your hearts enlightened**, you will know the confidence that is produced by God having called you, the rich glory that is **his inheritance among the saints**,

19: and the unlimited greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his mighty strength, (Eph 3:20)

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Col 1:1:8-11

1:8 He also told us about the love you have from the Spirit.

1:9 Since the day we heard these things about you, we have continued praying for you. This is what we pray: that God will make you completely sure of what he wants by giving you all the wisdom and spiritual understanding you need;

1:10 that this will help you live in a way that brings honor to the Lord and pleases him in every way; that your life will produce good works of every kind and that you will grow in your knowledge of God;

1:11 that God will strengthen you with his own great power, so that you will be patient and not give up when troubles come. Then you will be happy **ERV**

Reference #1 Christ Dwells as Lord of your **Heart** (Eph 3:17)

Reference #2 The Presence and promise of Jesus (John 14:15-24) The Apostles the ministry of Eye witnesses

(Overview and Preparation for this Study)

Coming to church on Sunday's and being involved in church activities such as working in the kitchen, helping out when we distribute food to the needy and visiting the sick on a regular bases is an important first step for you as a New Christian. You, your family and the people that God has put in your path to serve need to be connected socially with the Body of Christ Acts 2:47.

However, Church activities alone are no substitute for walking by faith in the Spirit and living as the new person that God has created you in Christ to become. As a new person in Christ not only are you busy doing good stuff but the good stuff that you are doing is motivated by a growing experience (**Eph 3:17-19**) of God's great love and rich mercy (Eph 2:4, Eph 2:10, II Cor 5:17).

Our desire for you here at the Centerville Church of Christ is that you get involved in the many ministries that are available to you. But more importantly we desire that you attend this Bible study and learn from the Creator of your soul how to walk by faith in communion with him, abounding in his love, blameless and holy in his sight, and qualified to be a partaker in the inheritance of the saints at his second coming.



Rooted and Grounded

Eph 3:16-19
II Thess 3:12-13

Your **first step** of faith is a continuation in your initial new birth experience of God's love. This first step of faith is to keep the command to continue being filled with the Holy Spirit of promise and walking by faith in the Spirit (Eph 5:18, Gal 5:16).

The Holy Spirit is now present in your heart to increase and abound it in love, and to establish it blameless and holy before God the Father. This is the eternal results when he strengthens you with might in the inward man and Christ dwells in your heart by faith.

As you walk by faith in the Spirit, Jesus will live as Lord in your heart and love you more and more each day. As he loves you and lives

in your heart by faith you will experience his forgiveness, his encouragement, his peace, his patience, his joy, and his protection from the evil one (the Devil). Out of this growing experience of his love for you, you will be motivated to love others as he loves you Eph 4:32-5:1-2.

You will be living as the person that God created you in Christ to become. It is a new life, lived by you "the new person". As a new person with God's empowerment and

enablement, you are living for God's eternal glory, worthy of the call of the Gospel (Eph 4:1-2). As you live out your time on earth as an eternal person in a decaying physical body, you are living, blameless and holy in the sight of God your Father. **At every step of your walk of faith you are a qualified partaker of the eternal inheritance of the saints, when the Lord's return the second time.**

This lesson will motivate you to think and pray in the Spirit about present eternal outcomes as well as present earthly outcomes Matt 6:19-21, 33-34, I Tim 6:17-19

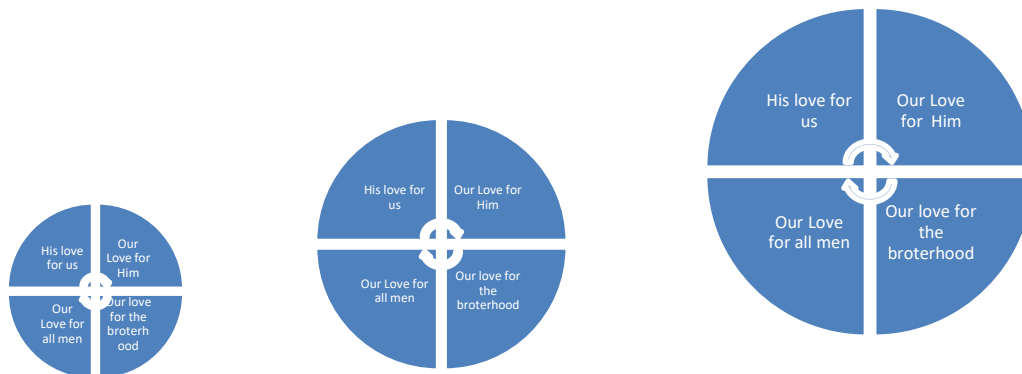
← Jude 20-21,24 →

Present Eternal Outcome	Present Eternal Outcome	Present Eternal Outcome
<p>Eph 3:15-21 Christ Dwells in our Hearts As Lord and roots, grounds, and abounds us in First Love (I John 3:1-2, I Jn 4:19)</p>	<p>II Thess 3:12-13 His love abounds in our hearts and we live presently as New Persons loved, blameless and Holy before God our Father when the Lord comes the second time Gal 2:20-21, Col 1:27</p>	<p>Eph 3:16, I Thess 5:23 The present continuing work of the Holy Spirit in our Hearts garmenting that we are preserved blameless, holy, qualified, and destined to glory. Col 1:12, Eph 1:13-14</p>

When God wakes you up each morning we desire that you realize that the God The Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit loves you unconditionally and will be actively involved in your heart as one abounding you in love (Rom 5:6) and empowering, and enabling you through each situation to live a new life, worthy of your calling and motivated by that love (Eph 4:1-2, 3-7, 4:14-16). The new life that they Gift you to live is being lived, that day and forever, exceedingly abundantly above what you can ask or think. It is the New life in Christ eternally, loved, blameless, holy before God the Father and qualified to receive eternal inheritance through the power of the strength and might of the Holy Spirit in the inward man of your heart.

Our encouragement to you at any Point in your Walk of Faith is to “keep on Keeping your self in the Love of God as describe in Eph 3:16-19, and I Thess 3:12-13. Your incentive to obey this command is your faith in the eternal outcomes of their abounding love in your heart.

I Peter 1:3-4	Rom 12:12, Eph 4:23	II Cor 4:14-5:1-2
Regeneration	Transformation	Glorification
Sealed (Eph 1:13-14)	Filled (Eph 3:17, Eph 5:18)	II Cor 3:17-18, Eph 3:21



Eph 3:17 , Gal 2:20-21 Col 1:27, I Peter 3:15,

Christ in you your Hope of Glory

This study will help you to value the eternal outcomes of being Loved by your creator and motivate you to share his new life and Love as you teach others. (Eph 3:16-19, Eph 4:14-16, Heb 10:25).



Jesus taught us that our hearts would be where our treasures are. He was not teaching that it is wrong to have riches and use them for good. But he was teaching that the **priority** of our heart when Jesus dwells there as Lord, would be on heavenly, eternal realities and not on the benefit of earthly out comes only.

*You probably entered the faith, as all of us do, with a focus to some degree on striving for the **best earthly outcomes possible**. In fact many of our prayers are aimed at elimination of the of the cares and burdens and pains of earthly existence to achieve the best earthly life scenario that we possibly can.*

The outcome of finishing college and starting a career, or the outcome of getting a job, getting married, and having a family, buying a new house, reaching a certain level of success in our career and etc are just a few examples. Whiles these are important present outcomes for which to strive God desires that we understand and realize that our **heart-soul** is the eternal person who lives in our decaying body forever beyond these earthly outcomes...II Cor 4:16-18, 5:1-2, 7.

The **eternal outcome of our abounding experience of the Creator's love** for us is that we are un-blamable and holy in the sight of God the Father at the second coming of Christ (Eph 3:15-17, I Thess 3:12-13).

Outcomes are defined as the way a thing turns out; a consequence: end result, net result, upshot, after effect, aftermath, conclusion, end product.

Our present Desire for Future Outcomes Motivate our present Behavior

We use our Created powers of heart to achieve desired outcomes. Our powers of heart (intellect, will, emotion and conscience) are exercised to achieved desired out comes. The habits of heart that motivates our life style are based our own desired outcomes. Just think about what is motivating you to do what you are doing right now. A big part of why you are doing what you are doing is your thinking, desires, and passions about the outcomes that you want and desire for yourself and others. The bottom-line here is that everything we do is motivated by achieving some future outcome that we presently desire for ourselves and others.

A key goal of this study is understanding the difference in earthly outcomes and the eternal outcomes and desiring eternal out comes for ourselves and others. Eternal outcomes result when God grants the fulfillment of the Ephesians three prayer request.

Learning the eternal outcomes of the Ephesians three prayer, and praying it day by day gets our heart focused on the eternal outcomes that God desires for our regenerated (born again) soul.

When we quote the word's "we have our whole life ahead of us", to what life are we referring? All of us no doubt mean our life in the future. But to which future are we referring. Are we referring to the outcomes of our earthly future life in our decaying earthly body only, or do we refer to both **earthly outcomes and eternal outcomes**.

We also probably have some future life outcome in mind that relates to our thoughts about what we mean by whole life ahead of us. So often in practice, even if we have the eternal outcome of heaven in view, that reality is so often not the reason for our day to day life style. Jesus taught us that in this case in our hearts we are actually living to get good outcomes in this life only, rather than laying up eternal treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-20). Even if we have thoughts about getting to heaven many times our life in practice is often focused only on getting God to give us the earthly outcomes that we desire in the manner in which we desire them.

This is often to the exclusion of learning, understanding and by faith abounding at present in the eternal outcome of being kept by his power that guarantees our future eternal inheritance that he has promised us.

This lesson series helps us realize that the person who lives in our decaying physical body is an eternal being (Matt 16:24-28). They are at present **walking eternally** either by faith in communion with their creator (Eph 3:16-21, I Jn 1:5-10, 2:5) or separated from him by a habit of life selfishly motivated to get what it can in this life only (Eph 2:1-5, 4:17-22, Gal 5:16). This is sometimes the case with Christians who are in reality not proactively learning the bible and living by Faith the new life, empowered and enabled by the Lord himselfEph 3:17, II Thess 2:16-17. But instead, in practice live to get the most out of this earthly life only. This Includes false leaders and teachers, seeking the present earthly outcomes of religious position prestige and power (Rom 16:16-17, III John 1:9) seeking to use religion as the means of gaining earthly riches and pleasures I Tim 6:5, Titus 1:10-11),

See I Corinth (3:1-3)

I Cor 1:8-9 (Eternal outcomes)

I Cor 6:1-8-11 (Earthly Outcomes)

Perhaps even as a Christian we have not really considered the teaching of the Holy Spirit on how our present walk with him by faith and the renewed life that he produces is the Life that is in reality destined to life eternally with Christ in glory (Eph 3:16, 4:23, II Cor 3:16-17, II Cor 4:14-18, 5:1-2, 7). The person that we became in bondage to sin is destined to live eternally separated from Christ. The heart of that person has no capability to let his Creator love him unconditionally. So, he is eternally unable to be motivate to live lovingly and productively toward others. Even when he

does deeds that help others they are done motivated by a selfish sinful spirit (I Cor 13:1-3, Eph 2:1-3).

So our study challenges all who come to class to look at the truth that when the Ephesians three prayer is being fulfilled in our hearts our eternal soul is being presently loved to live worthy of our calling (Eph 4:1-2, Col 1:8-11) a life that is preserved blameless, and qualified to receive the promised eternal inheritance.

The Prayer in Eph 3:12-21 gets us focused on the **eternal outcomes** of living the new life of Faith in Christ. And focused on the realities of the present continuous involvement of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit bring about those eternal outcomes exceedingly abundantly above what we ask or think.

Eph 3:16-19, Eph 2:4, Jude 1-2, 20-21: Your present-eternal experiences of his great **love** for you, your continuing day by day experience of his eternal **mercy** and **grace happens** together at the same time and are growing eternal experiences that cannot be separated (Heb 4:16). These eternal attributes of God's glory work together providing the Divine empowerment and enablement to live eternally but destined to live with the Lord when he returns.

Our desire is to help you affirm, that he is present in your Heart and he is able to keep his promise to protect you from evil and to enable you to live as the New person that he put you in Christ to become. He engages you by command to let him abound you in his great love and rich mercy...Jude 1:1,21,I Petr 1:2-3, Eph 2:4. This that is the reason for your Existence in Christ.

1Jn 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may **have boldness in the day of judgment:** because as he is, so are we in this world. I Thess 3:12-13

Jn 4:18 **There is no fear in love;** but perfect love casteth out fear: **because fear hath torment.** He that feareth

Our desire is that you live by faith in obedience to the commands related to the present fulfilment of the Holy Spirit's ministry in your heart. This obedience begins with the command of Jude 1:21 to keep on keeping yourself in the Love of God.

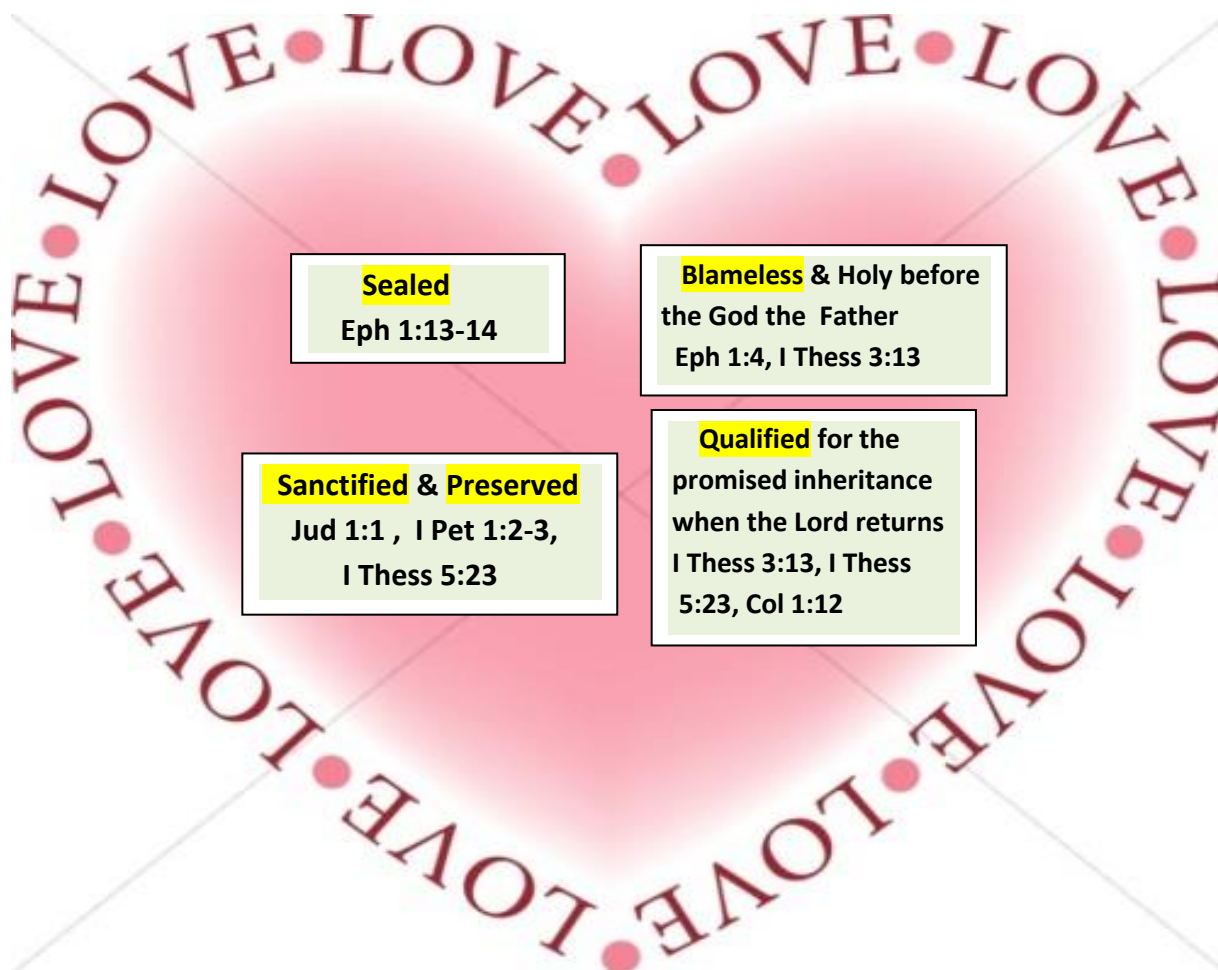
We desire that you both conceptualize and experience by faith the active presence of the Creator of your soul, living in your heart day by day, loving you and protecting you from the evil one, and providing by faith his

to live as a partaker of the promised eternal inheritance. **We know that if this is true in your hearts now you will have at present boldness in the day of judgement.**

Part One Introduction

Keep your Heart in the Love of God

Eph 3:16-19, I Thess 3:13, Jude 1:20-21, Jude 24



Part One

Introduction

(**Keep Your Heart in the Love of God--Jude 1:20-21**)

January 22 - Week 4

Monday 23

Eph 1:13-14 Having been sealed with the Spirit of promise you are now destined by your walk by faith in the Spirit to receive a new body, like the glorious resurrected body of Christ, when he **returns with all the saints** (Eph 3:16-18, I Thess 3:13, Phil 3:21).

As a Child of God with Access to the Father by the Spirit and the present ministry intercessory ministry of Christ your next step of faith is to pray the Ephesians three prayer each day and continue your walk by faith in the Spirit experiencing God's abounding love (Gal 5:16)

By taking this step of faith you will:

- 1 live day by day, and situation by situation, assured of **God's promises** and **God's power** to enable you to walk worthy of your calling, exceedingly abundantly and above what you ask or think (Eph 3:20, Eph 4:1-2)
- 2 defeat the devil by faith (Eph 6:10-18) and be kept **preserved** and **qualified as a partaker** of his promised eternal inheritance (Eph 1:12-13, I Thess 5:23, II Thess 2:13-14, **II Cor 5:1-2, Col 1:12-13**).

The Holy Spirit now teaches you specific commands to walk by faith, looking for the Lord's return. His return is certain and sudden (**II Peter 3:9-10, 12**). And, it can occur at any time (Heb 10:25, Tit 2:13).

As you continue your walk by faith in the Spirit as a New Person in Christ, you are facing death with assurance that even if death occurs before the Lord's return, your eternal soul will be absent from the body and present with the Lord. And to you, this is better than your present eternal existence in a decaying physical body (I Thess 3:13, Phil 3:20-21, II Cor 4:18, 5:1-8, Phil 1:21)

So, **Part One** of this study series is designed to help you realize and affirm by faith that God the Father has sealed your heart with the Holy Spirit of promise. You will study passages that will assure you that the Creator of your heart is now present in your heart (Eph 1:13-14, Eph 2:22).

Part One

Introduction

(Keep Heart in the Love of God)

January 22 - Week 4

Tuesday 24

You will learn and know that God has promised that now that he is present, he will never leave you nor forsake you (**Heb 13:5-6**). As your Creator he is the sustainer of your existence as an eternal person in a decaying earthly body (**Acts 17:24-28**). The New person that he created you in Christ to become is holy and blameless in the sight of God the Father and qualified to receive the eternal inheritance that he promised you upon the Lords return (**Col 1:12, Eph 4:24**)

The Creator now present in your heart brings to the table day by day, and in each situation, the empowerment and enablement that you need to walk , in confidence that you are a partaker of the promised inheritance (Eph 3:20).

Through the strength and might of the Holy Spirit of promise, Jesus is present in your heart to live in your regenerated soul as Lord and love you unconditionally more and more each day through each situation you encounter ((Eph 3:17-19, Phil 1:6,9, Gal 2:20-21).

Day by day he live in Your heart as Loves you unconditionally.

1. he is your **strength** (Phil 4:13) and hope of Glory (Col 1:27)
2. he is your source of **joy and peace** (Rom 15:13).
3. he encourages you with **everlasting consolation** (II Thess 2:16-17)
4. he is your protector from the evil one, to enable you to live the new life worthy of his calling (II Thess 3:3, Eph 4:1-2, Col 1:8-11).
5. he sustains you with his patience II Thess 3:5

You can be **assured that today** and in any future situation he is the same (Heb 13:5-6, 8) day by day, and grace by grace, he will be establishing your heart in love so that your soul at any point in your walk of faith is **blameless, holy**, and a **qualified** partaker of the promised inheritance of a new Body like his Glorious body (Phil 3:21, I John 3:1-2)

Part One
Introduction
(**Keep Yourself in the Love of God**)

January 22- Week 4
Wednesday 25

Key Next Steps of Faith: Eph 3:15-21, Jude 20-21



Keep Your Heart in the Love of God

By praying the prayer of Ephesians three each day you will be motivated to be obedient to the command and exhortation in Jude 1:20-21. You will further desire and decide to obey other commands that involve you in the growing experience of the great love and mercy by which God created you New in Christ (**Eph 2:10, II Cor 5:17**).

Prayer in the Spirit and Obedience

This lesson plan covers essential commands that all Christians young and old must understand and obey in order for God to empower and enable them by Faith to live at present as a partaker of the eternal inheritance promised to his beloved, obedient Children. I Peter 1:14.

We will encourage you throughout this study to partner each two weeks with a new Christian and pray in the Spirit outside of class the prayers revealed to us by the Spirit in the Chart below.

As a new Christian, you must realize that your diligence concerning praying prayers that the Spirit has revealed to you will be opposed by the Kingdom of Satan. Their specific work against you is not so much to prevent you from praying as it is to pervert your prayers and motive for praying so that they are “amiss” (Eph Eph 2:1-3, 6:10-18, James 4:1-8, I Peter 3:12)

Example – Luke 18:10-14, Matt 4:4-10 Satan himself will invade your prayers to tempt and lead you to evil, earthly, and selfish motives.

(Keep Yourself in the Love of God)

Part One Introduction

January 22 - Week 4

Thursday 26



Here are a few examples of Prayers revealed to us by the Spirit that you will learn and be encouraged to pray every day in every circumstance along with your special request.

Praying About Understanding God's Word and Its Resulting Power to live to please him

1. **Eph 1:17-23, Col 1:8-11**

Eph 1:17 I ask the glorious Father and God of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you his Spirit. The Spirit will make you wise and let you understand what it means to know God.

Eph 1:18 My prayer is that light will flood your hearts and that you will understand the hope that was given to you when God chose you. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all of God's people.

Eph 1:19 I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used

Eph 1:20 when he raised Christ from death and let him sit at his right side in heaven.

1. Paul gives thanks that he had heard that the Christians to whom he wrote were already being rooted grounded and abounded in their experience of God's love for them. This was evident by their love for other saints.

> **Eph 3:16-17, I Thess 3:12-13**

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Eph 1:15 I have heard about your **faith** in the Lord Jesus and **your love for all of God's people**.

Eph 1:16 So ***I never stop being grateful*** for you, as I mention you in my prayers.

Read this about being thankful
(Eph 5:20, I Thess 5:18)

> Learning to be thankful when you observe or hear that your Eph 3:15-21 prayer request is a reality for other saints.

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2. Eph 3:12-21	2. Praying about the involvement of the Creator in our hearts and desiring that all saints, in all ages be rooted, grounded and abounded in God's love as the motive for their New life in Christ. Praying that God's Glory will be manifested through the Church.
3. II Thess 3:1, Acts 4:24-30, 8:4, I Thess 2:12-14) (II Tim 3:16-17 / Heb 4:12-13), Acts 20:32, James 1:21	3. Praying that the word that we sow in our own hearts and in the hearts of the family, friends and enemies that we serve has free course in our hearts, and be glorified. That God will give us boldness to teach it when he gives us the opportunity.
4. John 17:20-26	4. Partnered with Jesus to pray for oneness among believers so that his glory would be manifested to the world
5. John 14:15-24	5. Partnered with Jesus in his present prayer to the Father to send the Holy Spirit into the Hearts of all people who keep the commands of the Gospel.
6. III Jn 1	6. Praying for optimal Health and the Spiritual well being of all Saints
7. James 1:1-5	7. Praying for wisdom bestowed in all trials and temptations
8. John 17:15, II Thess 3:3	8. Kept from the Evil One

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This class is a start for you to keep the command in Jude 1:20-21 to continue in the Love of God praying in the Spirit and not grieving him, insulting him, and quenching his continued ministry in your soul . We desire that you talk with members of your “New Family Eph 2:19 on a regular bases and together pray about the eternal inheritance that you share together and being obedient to the commands that engage you as a present partaker of that inheritance. ...**Eph 3:15-21, Jude 1:20-21, Eph 5:18, Eph 4:30, Heb 10:29, I Thess 5:19.**

Our prayer for you is that you will by obedience to his commands let your Creator love you and keep you connected with the family of God. The Family of God provides spiritual encouragement that is essential for your growth in the Love of God Eph 4:15-16, Heb 10:25.

Therefore a first and essential step of faith concerning the commands and teaching that you have from the Spirit on properly motivated prayer is in keeping his command in to not quench (harden your heart Heb 3:12-13,15) when you learn his promises, declarations of reality, and commands about prayer (I Thess 5:17, 5:19, 23).

One of the ways that we help you with this in this series is to get you started praying prayers and praying in partnership with examples that God the Spirit reveals to us.

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Class Exercise: One Commitment that you can make today is to choose someone in the class that you know and will be willing to discuss your next Steps to obey the Command and exhortation of Jude 1:20-21. How does the command in Jude 1:17 tie into the verse. Consider the outcomes of your obedience to this command and value of praying prayers revealed in the Bible by the Spirit

- (Eph 3:16-19) What are the results of obedience to the command to keep yourself in the love of God _____
- I Thess 3:12-13 The outcome and purpose of his love in your heart is _____

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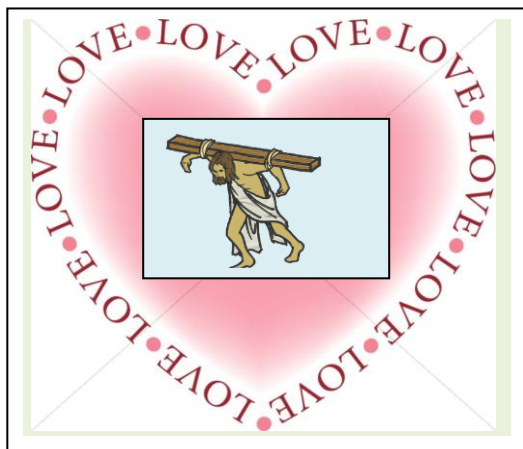
Thinking and Praying about Eternal Outcomes



Eph 3:16-17 describes the present continuing work of the Holy Spirit as Granted by the Father at your request. These verses describe the fulfillment of the Spirit's present continuing ministry of sanctification in your heart by Faith. The eternal outcomes of his continuing work in your heart is that **Christ dwells** in your heart, **roots, grounds** and abounds it in **love**, and **establishes** your hearts, **holy** and **without blame**, before God Father in love **at the second coming of Christ (I Thess 3:12-13)**

The **outcomes Granted by God The Father** when the Ephesians three Prayer is fulfilled **are eternal Outcomes**. Jesus Dwelling in your **heart/soul** and abounding your heart in the love of God by faith is the **eternal outcome** of God the Father granting your request to strengthen the hearts of all saints (Eph 3:18) by faith. Our **faith is in** the present continuing ministry of God the Spirit, with whom God the Father has sealed our hearts (Eph 1:12-13). Our faith in the Spirits teaching always includes obedience to his commands..(see the command of Jude 21.

The **present eternal outcome** that **Christ Dwells** in our **hearts** by faith by definition means that:



He (Christ)

- > **pervades our hearts** : verb is defined as to be **completely filled** with something (Eph 3:18-19)
- > **prompts our hearts:** **assist or encourage:** II Thess 2:16-17, Col 2:2
- > **governs our Hearts:** exercise a directing or restraining influence guide; to hold in check; control: Col 2:19

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Read Gal 2:20-21, 3:26-27... This is the present continuous eternal action of Jesus, that you put on by faith at New birth. He now lives by Faith in the heart/soul of all saints (*Eph 3:18*), fulfilling his ministry as Lord and Head of the New Life that he is Gifting us to live by Faith..***Eph 2:10, Eph 4:22-24.***

PRESENT ETERNAL OUTCOME

1Th 3:12 And the Lord make you to **increase** and **abound** in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:

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INCREASE AND ABOUND

At present in and Earthy decaying body
Eph 3:17: Christ Dwells as Lord
And Establishes your hearty Faith

1. **Rooted:** Render Firm, to fix
2. **Grounded:** Make Stable, establish
EPH 3:18 (able-have full strength)
1. **Comprehend** Lay Hold of with the mind (Thayers) WITH ALL SAINTS
2. **Kwow :** Practically, through experience; (VWS)

2Th 3:3 But the **Lord is faithful**, who shall **stablish** you, and **keep you from evil**. (**Stablish** –I Thess 3:13)

2Th 3:5 And the **Lord direct your hearts** into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

FUTURE ETERNAL OUTCOME

1Th 3:13 To the end he may stablish your **hearts** *unblameable in holiness before God*, even our Father, **at the coming of our Lord** Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Loved...Eph 3:16-19, I Thess 3:12

- > Heart Established and kept from evil
- a. Unblameable
 - b. Holiness

Jud 1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are **sanctified** by **God the Father**, and **preserved** in Jesus Christ, *and* called:

Jud 1:24 Now unto **him** that is **able** to **keep you from falling**, and to **present you faultless** before the presence of **his glory** with exceeding joy, (see II Thess 3:3)

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace **sanctify you** wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be **preserved blameless** unto the **coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

> VWS: Which passeth knowledge

Which surpasses *mere* knowledge without the experience of love. Note the play on the words *know* and *knowledge*. To have passages, realities of truth, promises, commands, exhortations about his love in our memory is not the same as obedience to his commands of love that engage us by faith in our day by day walk in it mimicking God our Father...Eph 3:17, Eph 5:1-2.

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Read Gal 2:20-21, 3:26-27... This is the present continuous eternal action of Jesus, that you put on by faith at New birth. He now lives by Faith in the heart/soul of all saints (*Eph 3:18*), fulfilling his ministry as Lord and Head of the New Life that he is Gifting us to live by Faith..***Eph 2:10, Eph 4:22-24.***

Your request that the Father grants the eternal outcome that Christ establish your heart blameless, and holy before him at the coming of the Lord **assumes** that our heart has been **sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**, whose ministry it is to guarantee these outcomes in your heart by faith. These eternal outcomes are the eternal purpose of our existence in Christ....(***Eph 1:14, Eph 1:4.***)

Consider: Eternal Outcomes the Result of The Spirit's Strength and might in the inward man

Eph 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the **power that worketh in us,**

Meaning and use of the Word Power and Worketh

Thayer Definition:

Power That Worketh in us is – Might in the inward man of the heart (*Eph 3:16-17*)

1. **Power**

> **General: strength power, ability**

1. Used of divine power acting on the minds of men..***Eph 3:20***
2. Moral power and excellence of soul..***Eph 3:16, Col 1:11***
3. Inherent in godliness and operating upon the soul..***I Tim 1:7***
4. Moral power operating on the soul ***II Peter 1:3***

2. **Worketh**

a. Strong Concordance: energeō en-erg-eh'-o: to be active, efficient: - do, (be) effectual (fervent), be mighty in, shew forth self, work (effectually in).

b. Thayer Definition:

1. to display one's activity, show one's self operative:
 - > *Eph 3:20*: in whose mind a thing shows itself active

Part of Speech: verb

Thought > His **energy** is his **Might** (see above: might by definition is moral power and excellence of soul) It is **Granted** by God the Father, through the Spirit, in the inner man of the heart (*Eph 3:16-17*).

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Certainly John 3:15-16 teaches that God loves the world unconditionally. But we experience that love by faith, and specifically by obedience to his commands ..John 14:21-24. The reality of our experience of God's initial Love begins by faith in the truth that in obedience to the commands of the Gospel he is present in your soul. God is love. So if it is true that he is present in your heart you are loved....Rom 5:5.

Having been cleansed from the sinful habits of the person that you became as a slave to sin, the Creator of your eternal soul is now present in your soul to strengthen you and enable you to experience his unconditional love to a greater degree. Your step by step walk in his love by Faith (Eph 4:32, 5:1-2) as a **new person** filled with and motivated by his unconditional love for you, is the fulfilment of your request that God the Father grant, that the continuing ministry of God the Spirit and God the Son be fulfilled in your heart by faith.

God the creator of your heart (soul) is present in your heart to be with you forever (Jn 14:16, Heb 13:5-6). He promises that he will never leave you nor forsake you. While you live your remaining life on this earth in a body that is decaying he is your hope of continuing fellowship with him beyond this earthly existence. He is now your comforter, your helper, your friend, your prayer partner, your source of joy, your source of peace, your protector from evil, and the only one who is able to keep you qualified for the eternal inheritance that God promised you. He will be fulfilling all of the precious promises that only the Creator of your soul can promise and is able to fulfill. He will keep you fit (qualified) to receive your heavenly inheritance when he comes the second time (Col 1:12-14).

The day by day renewing of the inward man is the present continuing work of the Holy Spirit, perfecting the heart of the new man in Love. Eph 4:23, Romans 12:1-2, refers to this as the renewing of the mind of the new person that God created you in Christ to become..Eph 4:24, Col 3:8-12. The new person that you are now becoming in Christ is Loved by God, Holy and blameless in the sight God the Father, and qualified by the present continuous work of the Spirit to receive the promised inheritance. II Cor 4:16, II Cor 3:17-18, Col 1:12.

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I Peter 1:2-3, James 1:18, Jude 1:1, Col 1:12

The Eternal outcome of your new birth experience is that you are a new person, sanctified through the involvement of God the Father, and God the Spirit through the blood of Christ. You are born into the Family of God with a morally pure heart that has been cleansed by the blood of Christ (**I Peter 1:22-25, I Tim 1:5, Heb 9:14**). **Your heart having been sanctified and sealed with the Spirit God, you are now the Fathers beloved Child** Loved, Blameless, Holy before God the Father and qualified to share in the promised inheritance with the saints at the Lords coming.



Eph 1:14 The Spirit is the **first payment that guarantees we will get all that God has for us.** Then we will enjoy complete freedom as people who belong to him. The goal for all of us is the praise of God in all his glory. Eph 1:13-14, Gal 4:6.

The reality described in I Thess 3:13 of the Christian loved, blameless and Holy in the sight of God the Father is the true in the heart of the Christian already sealed with Spirit of Promise (Eph 1:13-14) and blessed with the initial experience of God's Love. Along with our initial experience of God's love at new birth is the inseparable reality of being blameless and un-reprovable in his sight (Col :21-23). This outcome (loved and blameless in his sight is the purpose of our new existence in Christ Eph 1:4).

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Born Qualified for the Promised Inheritance

1. **Col 1:12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath **made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance** of the saints in light:
 - a. **Col 1:12** giving thanks to the Father, who has **qualified you to share in** the inheritance of the saints in light (ESV)
2. **Col 1:22** ... **present you holy and unblameable and un-reprove able** in his sight:
3. **Col 3:12** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, **holy and beloved**, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
4. **1Cor 1:8** confirm you unto the end,....**blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
5. **1Co 1:8** who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
6. **1Th 5:23** God of peace sanctify you wholly;..... preserved **blameless** unto the **coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
7. **I Pet 1:4** To an **inheritance** incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
8. **Col 3:24** knowing that from the Lord you will receive the **inheritance** as your reward. You are servants of the Lord Christ.

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Class questions

1. Give at least two eternal outcomes in our hearts when God the Father grants our request to be strengthen with might by the Holy Spirit. Give supportive passages.

1. _____

2. As a Christian you are to work on your present job as unto the Lord. What is your guaranteed future eternal outcome when you are walking by faith in this teaching _____

3. Describe the moral condition of the Christian whose heart is being established by the Lord I Thess 3:13, Eph 3:16-19.

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Your Promised Inheritance

Phil 3:21, I Jn 3:1-2 (We shall be Like Him)

When The Father sealed your heart with the Holy Spirit of promise he qualified your eternal Soul to receive the promised eternal inheritance. The eternal outcomes granted by the Father in Eph 3:16-19 are outcomes resulting from the present continuing work of God our Creator, through the strength and might of the promised Holy Spirit. These are the outcomes of loving us unconditionally and guaranteeing that our soul is qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints at the Lord's return.

Col 1:12 the eternal salvation which God has assigned to the saints (Thayers)

Your Inheritance: the eternal blessedness of the consummated kingdom of God which is to be expected after the visible return of Christ; The share which an individual will have in that blessedness

1. Eph 1:14...**Guarenteed** by the Holy Spirit of promise
2. Col 3:24...**Received** by beloved Children who serve the Lord
3. I Peter 1:4 incorruptible, undefiled, fadeth not away, **reserved in heaven**
4. Heb 9:14-15: The **eternal inheritance** received by those whose **conscience is purged by the blood of Christ** from dead works (see I Tim 1:5, Heb 10:24, I Jn 1:5-10, 2:1-2)
5. Acts 20:32 ...received in the future by those whose heart is presently being build up by the word
6. **This Future blessedness is the Glory of a new body, and eternal communion with Christ.**
 - > The glorious condition of blessedness into which is appointed and promised that true Christians shall enter after their Savior's return from heaven... **Col 1:27, 2 Cor 4:17,**
 - > Which **condition begins to be enjoyed even now**, through the devout contemplation of the divine majesty of Christ, and its influence upon those who contemplate it (**Thayer**)
 - See>** II Cor 4:6, (the light of his sinless life (I Jn 1:5-10, Jn 8:12 Heb 4:14-16..all points tempted (We need mercy and the faithfulness of God multiplying it to us and bestowing grace to resist the devil (Jude 21, James 4:6-7)
 - > this condition includes not only the blessedness of the soul but also the gain of a more excellent body, Phil 3: 21 , II Thess 2:14 called to obtaining it (Jesus prayed about our participation with him in his Glory and promised to return for us (John 17:24, John 14:1-2)

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Read Col 1:12 Meet (KJV)/ Qualified (ESV).. Make sufficient, render fit, equip with adequate power to perform duties of one see II Cor 3:5-6.

Eph 3:17 Jesus Dwelling in your Heart as Lord, abounding you in his love, and establishing you heart un-blamable before his Father is the Spirits work of sanctifying your soul and qualifying you for the promised inheritance when he returns. The eternal reality of receiving your inheritance with the Saints is at some point in your eternal future when the Lord return's the second time (**I Thess 3:13, I Thess 5:23**).

The eternal outcomes of the Ephesians three prayer for all the saints results from our faith in the present active ministry of the Lord and what we understands that he brings to the table each day in our walk by faith in the Spirit (Eph 3:17, Gal 2:20-21, II Cor 5:7, Gal 5:16). When he lives as Lord in your heart by faith he keeps you from falling and presents you a qualified partaker of the inheritance with the saints at his return. Even if death comes for you prior to dying you know for sure and by faith that you will receive your inheritance when Jesus comes.

Eph 3:20 You are Qualified.. By the Power of God

<p>Read these passages in KJV</p>	<p>This is a a look at what the Spirit teaches us about what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bring to the table in your Daily Walk by Faith in the Spirit to guarantee your qualification for the promised, eternal inheritance. What they bring to the table is exceedingly abundantly above what you ask or think.</p>	<p>Characteristic of the riches of his glory in Practice</p>
<p>Eph 3:15-17 I Thess 3:12-13</p>	<p>Jesus dwelling as Lord of your heart by your Faith in the Strength and might of the Holy Spirit. He abounds your heart in Love and establishes it un- blamable and holy before God the Father.</p>	<p>This is the present eternal outcome of being loved by God with the simultaneous Future reality of being blameless and holy before God the Father.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Rom 16:25 He is of power to stablish you > Eph 3:20(exceeding, abundantly above)

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Eph 3:20

You are Qualified..

By the Power of God

II Thess 2:16-17 Heart Loved, comforted and established	Jesus Christ himself and his Father, by whom you are loved are involved in establishing your hearts unblameable and Holy	We know from Eph 3:15-16 that God the Fathers role is to grant it, and the Spirits role is to strengthen with might, so Christ might dwell in our hearts as Lord
II Thess 3:3 Establish means to guard a person (or thing) that he may remain safe (thayers) to protect one from a person	The Lord Establishes you and keeps you from the Evil one. We know form I Thess 3:13 that he establishes you hearts blameless and Holy	The Lord is Faithful to protect you
II Thess 3:5 Direct: 1) to make straight, guide, direct 1a) of the removal of the hindrances to coming to one	Directs your heart into the Love of God and gives you his patience In in I Thess 3:11 we see the involvement of God the father and the Lord Jesus Christ Direct Way (to remove hindrance)	He guides you, and removes hindrance put in you way by the (vs 3..the evil one)
I Thess 5:23 Eph 3:16-17, I Thess 3:13	Preserve Blameless, Keeps you from falling, presents you faultless Jude 1, 24	He is able Phil 3:20-21

The present and future eternal outcome of Jesus dwelling in our hearts as Lord is that our eternal soul is qualified (un-blamable and Holy) now and forever to receive the promised inheritance, in the Day of Christ.

> **Special Note !!**

I Thess 3:13, Heb 4:14-16, I Jn 1:5-10, 2:1-2: Un-blamable and Holy before God the Father is not sinless existence. It is rather a new life, lived at the throne of grace in humble penitent submission to a merciful, faithful and just God who cleanses us from our sins past, present and future through the blood and intercessory ministry of Jesus, our Brother, High Priest, and Advocate. This is happens when we are keeping the command to confess our faults to one another and pray one for another....**James 5:16.**

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Here are some observations about the present eternal outcomes of resulting from the involvement of your Creator in your heart fulfilling his eternal purpose to keep your soul qualified for the promise eternal inheritance at the coming of the Lord.

You have assurance at New Birth that you are qualified through the blood of Jesus to receive the Inheritance.

> This is an essential truth for **new members** to learn and realize as they begin their journey of faith. ***If the Lord comes the moment you obey the commands of the Gospel*** your faith in the above passage will give you assurance that you are loved, blameless, holy, un-reprove able before God the Father and a qualified partaker of the eternal inheritance with the saints.

> The above thought is also true even if you ***die physically the moment*** you obey the commands of the Gospel. The New person that you are in Christ will be absent from the body, but present with the Lord. You will return with Christ in the day of the Lord and be presented faultless (by the blood of Christ) as a partaker of the promised inheritance...I Thess 3:13, II Cor 5:7-8, Acts 20:32, Jude 24.

Knowing Your Eternal Destiny Today

Your walk by faith with the Creator of your heart/soul is an eternal Journey. Because you are walking in communion with him, each step that you take, as a renewed eternal person, living in a decaying physical body is destined to that eternal outcome that he planned for you in Christ. God desires that you know and are confident that it is by his power, renewing your eternal soul day by day that your soul is destined to live eternally with Christ in a new Body...Eph 1:17-20, Eph 3:20, II Cor 4:16-5:1-2, 7.

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Destined by our present choices and our habit of personal and social life to an eternal outcome beyond earthly existence....**Luke 16:19-31, II Cor 5:5-8, 4:14-18.**

Human beings, young and old, exists as eternal persons in decaying earthly bodies. The eternal person who lives in our body is created by Jesus, **body, soul and spirit** (*Col 1:16-17, Jn 1:2-3, 10, I Thess 5:23*) **see reference #1**

God's glory is the original eternal purpose of human existence. Rom 1:18-25, Eph 3:21. But, because of the prince of the powers of the air who opposes the glory of God, our heart and soul live eternally short of God's glory in bondage to sin, separated from its Creator and destined to experience his eternal wrath (Eph 6:10-18, Rom 1:30-31, Rom 3:10-23, Rom 6:23, Eph 2:1-3, Eph 5:6).

As an eternal person living in a decaying earthly Body

> we are either

walking by faith in Communion with our Creator as one of
God the Fathers **obedient beloved Children**

living eternally in communion with our Creator (II Cor 5:17, Col 3:9-10, Eph 4:23-24) loved by him (Eph 3:16-21, I Thess 3:12-13) renewed day by day..(II Cor 4:14-18, II Cor 3:16-17) blameless and Holy in the sight of God our Father and therefore destined, through the sanctifying ministry of the Holy Spirit to receive the inheritance of a glorious new eternal body like that of his Lord at his coming.

I Thess 3:13, II Cor 4:17-5:1, I Peter 1:3-4, 5:1-4, Phil 3:20-21, II Peter 3:14.

OR

> we are walking as Children of disobedience: Epn 2:1-3, 4:17-22, 5:5-6.

> we are living in disobedience to the desired destiny of God's love and mercy (Epn 2:4) , living presently to fulfill our innate faculties of intellect, will, emotion and conscience in destructive social life styles that displease our Creator and that bring pain and misery to human relationships (Eph 2:1-3, Eph 4:17-22, 5:3-6).

As such, we live eternally separated from a loving Creator who seeks our worship and devotion (Col 1:16-17, Acts 17:24-28, 30-31 John 4:23-24), sustains us by his long suffering II Peter 3:9-11, (body, soul and spirit upon the earth governed by its present laws of science with Jesus sustaining us by that science.

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Class questions

1. The present continuous work that the Holy Spirit, granted by God and fulfilled in our hearts to qualify our soul for the promised inheritance is called _____ and is accomplished by means of _____ I Thess 5:23, John 17:17, Acts 20:32.
2. If the inheritance that you receive at the return of Christ is eternal (Heb 9:14-15, I Jn 1:5-10) it stands to reason that your renewed soul that receives it is also _____.

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Thinking at Present About Eternal Outcomes



> **I Thess 3:12-13** When Jesus returns we are loved blameless and holy in the sight of God the Father (see I Peter 3:9-14-blameless, without spot). It is the outcome of the Father's answer to the prayer in Eph 3:15-19. We are motivated at present to live without spot, and blameless in the sight of God by our Faith in the reality of his return, and our present anticipation of the catastrophic destruction of the heavens and the earth that will accompany him.

In Light of this coming reality that will take place **unannounced and sudden** Peter exhorts and commands **new Christians ..I Peter 1:22-25, 2:1-3, 2:11)**

2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that **ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

I Pe 1:14 As **obedient children**, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1Pe 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy in all manner of conversation;**

Important thoughts in Review

From the point of new birth, which is or initial experience of his great love for us Eph 2:4, I Peter 1:22, I Peter 2:3, I Jn 3:1-2, his continued work of love is sequential and progressive for as long as we exist in this earthly, decaying body. The Ephesians Three prayer request is about the continuing presents of Christ as granted by the Father through the strength and might of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's strength in the inward man empowers and enables all saints, young and old, to experience his love in an abounding manner with the eternal present and future result being that they are holy and blameless before God the Father at the second coming of the Lord.

We live the new life in Christ loved, blameless, holy and faultless in the sight of God our Father.

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Important thoughts in Review

Blameless before him in Love is the purpose of our New existence in Christ and as such it is the result of the Sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit of promise guaranteeing our eternal inheritance...Eph 1:13-14, Eph 4:30, II Cor 3:17-18 4:14-18. It is an inheritance received when...Jesus returns with all saints...***I Thess 3:13, Jude 24, Jude 1, I Jn 3:1-2.***

> **Remember** as you begin your New Eternal Journey walking with your Creator.....**Eph 3:16-17, I Thess 3:13:**

ESV. 1Co 1:8 **who will sustain you to the end**, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ERV. 1Co 1:8 **He will keep you strong until the end** so that on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ comes, you will be free from all blame.

BBE 1Co 1:8 **Who will give you strength to the end**, to be free from all sin in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Barnes Notes: **Unto the end** - That is, to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He would keep them to the end of life in the path of holiness, so that at the coming of the Lord Jesus they might be found blameless;



Just thinking about the **eternal outcomes** of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit when God the Father is granting what we are requesting in the Ephesians three prayer.

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In I Thess 5:23 , coupled with Eph 3:16-17 we learn that keeping our hearts qualified for the promised inheritance is the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit in our hearts strengthening us with might in the inward man as Granted by the Father.

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This is in alignment with God's eternal purpose for our existence in Christ. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit whose continuing ministry of sanctification in our hearts guarantees that at any point in our walk by Faith in the Spirit we are **preserved** **artakers** of the promised inheritance (**What is his Ministry?-Rom 5:5, Eph 2:4**)

1. **Preserve** I Thess 5:23 (Thayers)

a. 1) to attend to carefully, take care of

> metaphorically to keep, one in the state in which he is

> **in Jude 1** devoted to Christ ...

b. **blameless** - so that there is no cause for censure

> **I Thess 2:10** Un blameable conduct..Christian work ethic in practice

I Thess 3:13 unblamable

To preserve means: metaphorically to keep, one in the state in which he is (Thayers).

> **Special Note !!** I Thess 3:13, Heb 4:14-16, I Jn 1:5-10, 2:1-2: Un-blamable and Holy before God the Father is not sinless existence. It is rather a new life, lived at the throne of grace in humble penitent submission to a merciful, faithful and just God who cleanses us from our sins past, present and future through the blood and intercessory ministry of Jesus, our Brother, High Priest, and Advocate.



Just thinking through what you have learned about the fulfillment of the ministry of the Holy Spirit of Promise in your heart and the present active work of the Creator of your soul qualifying your soul, day by day, as a partaker of the promised inheritance.

The present continuous involvement of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in your heart is a continuation of their initial work of sanctification at New birth. The **eternal outcome** of their work, as granted by God the Father is that you're your soul is preserved blameless, and is qualified for your promised eternal inheritance throughout your day by day walk of Faith and love in the Spirit.

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The fulfillment of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit in our hearts by faith (Eph 3:16-17) is the work of sanctifying Christ in our hearts as Lord (I Peter 3:15). Our hope of receiving the promised inheritance at any given point in our walk of Faith is Christ dwelling in and living in our hearts as Lord and our hope of Glory (Eph 3:17 > Gal 2:20-21, Col 1:27-28).

The eternal outcomes of Christ presently and continuously dwelling in your heart as Lord, and establishing your heart blameless and holy before God the Father at his coming are outcomes granted by the Father. These eternal outcomes are ***simultaneous eternal realities*** that are possible in the human heart only through the strength and might of the Holy Spirit in the inner man.

What do you Now Know for Certain ?



Eph 3:15-21, I Thess 3:12-13, Jude 1:20-21, 24.

You now know by faith in these passages that at any present time that you are praying the Ephesians three prayer, for saints young or old, and your request is being granted by the Father in the hearts of the saints for which you are praying, that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are actively involved in your hearts, establishing and abounding it in their unconditional love and establishing it unblamable, in holiness before God the Father, at the coming of our Lord with all his saints.

Our **present-eternal experiences** of his great **love** for us, our continuing day by day experience of his eternal **mercy** and **grace happens** together at the same time and are growing eternal experiences that cannot be separated).

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God grants your Request to be perfected in his Love so that you might have boldness in the Day of Judgement...I John 2:4-5.

1Jn 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may **have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.** I Thess 3:12-13

Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: **because fear hath torment.** He that feareth

I Thess 3:13, Jude 24, Jude 1, I Jn 3:1-2. As a newly born person you are to Live at present as God's obedient Child **looking for the lord's return.**

Titus 2:13: We are looking for the blessed Hope at his appearing.

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.** (**Phil 3:9, 21, Col 1:27, Col 3:4**)

2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, **without spot, and blameless.**

2Pe 3:15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

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Col 3:4 When Christ, *who is our life*, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

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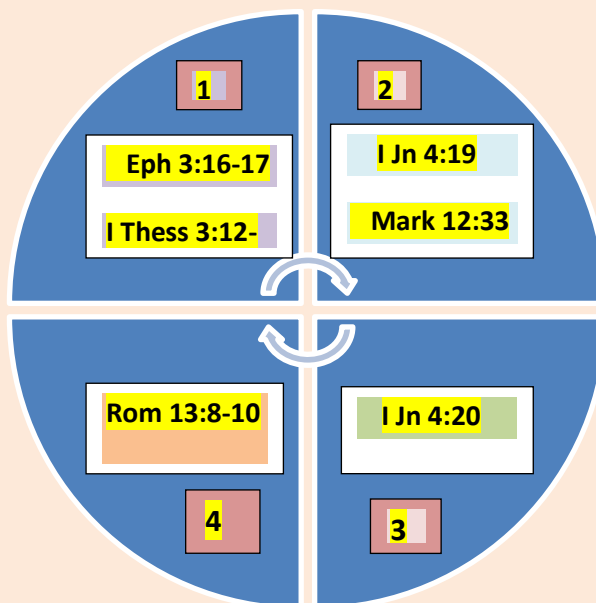


Class questions

1. The Motive for being perfected in love is that it gives you confidence now that you can have _____ in the day of _____.
2. The Love in which your heart is perfected has for Parts
 1. _____ 2 _____
 - 3 _____ 4 _____

Do You Remember what they are?

Review



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I Thess 3:13, Col 3:12, I John 3:1-2, Rom 5:5: The outcome of the great love bestowed upon us at new birth (**Eph 2:4**) is that we enter the faith as the Fathers beloved Children blameless, and holy in the sight of God our Father ..Eph 1:4.

In Jude 1:21 we are *commanded to keep on keeping* our selves in the love of God (Eph 3:12-21). We are exhorted by the Spirit in this passage to continual obedience to this command while simultaneously **looking for the mercy of God..Eph 2:4, Jude 1:1-2.**

Jud 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
Jud 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
KJV

Jud 1:20 But you, dear friends, use your most holy faith to build yourselves up even stronger. Pray with the help of the Holy Spirit.
Jud 1:21 Keep yourselves safe in God's love, as you wait for the Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.
(ERV)

Your Very First Steps of Faith I Pet 2:1, I Jn 2:5, Acts 20:32, James 1:21

I Th 3:12 And the Lord **make you to increase and abound** in love one toward another, and toward all **men**, even as we do toward you:
I Th 3:13 to the end **stablish** your **hearts unblameable** in **holiness** before God, even our **Father**, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Your obedience to the command and exhortation in Jude 1:21 is an essential first step of Faith as a new believer.

This command , couple with your devotion to praying the Ephesian three prayer is the first step of faith for all saints young and old to toward growth in God's love.

The fulfillment of the Ephesians three prayer in your heart results in all saints in the work and purpose of God the Father, God the Holy Spirit and God the Son to establish

the hearts of **saints un-blamable** and **in holiness** before God our Father.

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The scope of our prayer covers all saints young and old (Eph 3:18) not only in our **historical eternal present** but covers saints not yet born, in every historical life span, up to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ when we will together with all saints, loved, blamed and holy in his sight, receive the promised inheritance..Eph 3:21.

We have learned that when this eternal outcome is granted by God the Father at the

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be **holy** and **without blame before him in love:**

request of his beloved Children Eph 3:15-17. It is an outcome that has **eternal reality** in both the **present** and the **future** at the same time. The new person that we are created in Christ to become enters the faith as a new born babe

loved by God , holy and without blame before God the Father (Col 3:10,12, I Jn 3:1-2, I Peter 1:22-25, and a qualified partaker of the inheritance of the Saints (Col 1:12).

There are several essential commands taught by the Spirit that you must learn in addition to the command in Jude 1:21. The Holy Spirit engages your heart and establishes it in love through your obedience to these commands along with daily devotion to the prayer that he teaches you to pray in Eph 3:12-21.

Passage	Command	Other Passages
Jude 1:20-21	Keep on keeping yourself in the love of God	Joh 15:9 continue ye in my love.
Eph 5:18 You have been sealed, Your Next step of Faith obedience to this command	Keep on allowing yourself to be filled with the Spirit <u>The Source of God's Love</u> > Eph 4:30 ..Don't grieve > I Thess 5:19 Don't, quench	Rom 5:5 , And this hope will never disappoint us. We know this because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts through the Holy Spirit he gave us. ERV: Eph 3:16-19,

The Holy Spirit Commands us in the book of Jude to keep on keeping ourselves in the Love of God. So the prayer in Eph 3:12-21 is an essential first step of Faith for New Christians in keeping the command the Jude 1:21. Keeping this command is tied to the eternal destiny of our soul as a qualified partaker of the inheritance of the saints.

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Col 3:16-17	Let the word keep on dwelling in you as Source of Faith Eph 3:17, Rom 10:17 , present edification Acts 20:32 and future inheritance (see Jude 1: 20, 17)	John 17:17, I Jn 2:5 , Means of Sanctification, being presently perfected in Love, edified, source of participation in the promised eternal inheritance
Eph 2:11 Remember, that at that time But God Eph 2:4 But Now Eph 2:13	Command to use your mind to be mindful of your past sinful life separated from communion with your Creator. This is so that you can realize the great mercy and love that God had for you in saving you and Creating you New in Christ.	Rom 5:6 When you were without strength to save yourself.

One of the avenues of keeping ourselves in the Love of God is praying in the Holy Spirit. The prayer in Eph 3:12-21 is an obvious first step toward obedience to the command in Jude 21 to keep ourselves in the love of God.

The incentive to obey the commands and exhortations above is our Faith in the reality that the Lord will at some point unknown to us return for his beloved Children who in obedience to this command have been made to abound in the love of God (Eph 3:16-19, I Thess 3:12-13) blameless, holy and without fault before God the Father...Jude 24, II Peter 3:14.

So, before considering the specific teaching of the Spirit that reveals the promises and realities that by faith incentivize our obedience to these commands, ***we now look at the teaching of Jesus to understand what it means to be sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise and to have him present in our soul as the one through whom God the Father and God the Son abides and loves us unconditionally.***

These passages are found in John 14:15-24. They will help you as a New Member affirm as your first step of Faith after new birth that your heart has been sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise and that Jesus has kept his promise that He and the Father would come to inhabit your heart and Love you unconditionally. Your initial experience of God's

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unconditional love for you is at the point of your new birth when you obeyed the commands of the Gospel and God the Father in fulfillment of Jesus prayer for you sealed your heart with the Spirit of promise.

This initial experience of God's love is described in I Jn 4:19 as first Love. We have learned in previous lessons that when the human heart is experiencing first love it is also experiencing love for God and others.

Remember the Lord dwelling in your heart and rooting, grounding and abounding your heart in First Love is just a continuation of your initial experience of first Love.....Gal 4:6, Rom 5:5, Eph 3:16-17.

Affirming by Faith the Fulfillment of the Prayer and Presence of Jesus

The Prayer in Ephesians 3:16-17 assumes that God the Father has already sealed our hearts with the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph 1:13-14) and that our soul is already the initial recipient of first Love (I Peter 1:22, Rom 5:5, John 4:19). Also, it assumes that with this experience our souls have been qualified by God the Father to be partakers of the inheritance with the saints upon Christ return Col 1:12-14. So, the request of the Ephesians three prayer is that the Holy Spirit continues his initial work of sanctifying our regenerated heart/soul for the purpose of preserving it blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ returns. **This is the eternal purpose for which our hearts have been sealed the Spirit of Promise. His present active ministry in your heart, day by day, guarantees that you are qualified as partakes of the promised inheritance.**

We now consider the prayer and promise of Jesus that he would send the Comforter (Holy Spirit of Promise) into your heart when you obeyed the commands of the Gospel. You will learn that Jesus as a part of his present intercessory ministry as Lord and Christ is keeping his promise to pray to the Father to send the comforter into the Hearts of any human being who obey the commands of the Gospel. The outcome of obedience to the commands of the Gospel to repent and be baptized results in the fulfillment of Jesus promise that the Father would send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and that both he and his Father would also come and make their abode in our hearts. Along with their presence is the fulfillment of the Lords promise that when they are present in our hearts they would love us unconditionally (John 14:21-24, I John 3:1-2).

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Our heart is where our Creator (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) resides at the beginning of our new Birth experience. We now request that Christ dwells in our hearts and in the hearts of all saints by Faith. It has been purified by faith and given the capability to be loved by God to a greater degree than our initial experience of God's love (Eph 3:16-18, I Peter 1:22).

God by faith regenerated your heart sealing it with the promised Spirit. He is now present in your heart to empower you and enable you to live the new life that he created you in Christ to live, motivated by a growing experience of his love.

You can obey the command to continue in the love of God only if you have obeyed the commands of the Gospel and are sealed with the Spirit of promise. It is at this point that the Father is present in our hearts to grant the continuation of the Spirit's ministry. And only at this point is the Son present to dwell in our hearts and enable and empower us to experience his love for us in an abounding degree, far beyond what we ask or think.

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Class questions

1. The Prayer request of Ephesian 3:15-21 assume that our _____ have been _____ with _____ (Eph 1:12-13, Gal 4:6)
2. Our hearts are the _____ of God through the _____ (Eph 2:22)

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Eph 1:14 The Spirit is the **first payment that guarantees we will get all that God has for us**. Then we will enjoy complete freedom as people who belong to him. The goal for all of us is the praise of God in all his glory. **ERV**

Key Passages

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed** with that **holy Spirit of promise**,
Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto **the praise of his glory**.



- (1) **John 13-17...Background**
- (2) **John 14:15-17 .. His Promise** and Prayer
Comforter in our Hearts”
- (3) John 14:18-24...**His presence** I will come, the Father will come
- (4) John 14:21,23 John 17:20-21 , Acts 2:37-39, Acts 5:31-32, Eph 2: **His Promise** is universal
- (5) Eph 2:22....His prayer and promise fulfilled Acts 2:38-41, Acts 5:31,32, Gal 4:6, 4:6, Rom 5:6
- (6) John 14:18, (Eph 2:1-2, 4:17-22) 11-12 ... **His Purpose:** Not leave us comfortless

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> **Read:** Acts 19:1-5, Acts 2:36-41, Acts 5:31-32

Act 19:2 He said unto them, ***Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?*** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

The question asked of the Ephesian disciples is an appropriate question for all Christians to **affirm with a yes** as a first step in their walk by Faith in the Spirit and keeping the command to keep on keeping yourself in the love of God (Gal 5:16, II Cor 5:7, Jude 1:21). It is the Holy Spirit who is the source of our new birth experience of God's love and our power and enablement to continue in it (Rom 5:5, Jude 1:20-21, Eph 3:16-17).

Eph 1:13-14 **So, have you been Sealed with the Spirit of Promise?** A yes answer to this question assures us by Faith that we are Children of God, and that Christ is present in our Hearts. Therefore, together with all the saints, we are sealed by the Spirit and we have (prayer-access) to God our Father through Christ Eph 2:18-19, 22. We are then confident that our request to the Father in Eph 3:15-16, will be granted by **Faith.**

The Holy Spirit is the origin and source of your new life in Christ through his continuing ministry of sanctification in your heart. It is imperative that you learn the Teaching of Jesus that promised that he would pray to the Father to send the Holy Spirit into the hearts of any human being who obeyed the commands of the Gospel. He included in his promise that he and the Father would also come, and that they would make their abode in your heart, and love you unconditionally.

It is essential that you affirm in your mind that your heart has been sealed with the Holy Spirit and that it is the habitation of God the Father and God the Son. At this point you have access to the Father to ask him to grant the eternal outcomes of Eph 3:16-20, and I Thess 3: 12-13.

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A yes answer to this question assures you by Faith that you are God's beloved Child, that Christ is present in your Hearts and that together we have access to God our Father. Mutual access to his power and might enables us together to defeat the Kingdom of Satan and live the new life that he has created us in Christ to live (Eph 2:10, Eph 6:10-14).

The teaching of Jesus John 14:15-24 concerning his promise to pray to the Father to seal our hearts with the Spirit (comforter) will help us answer this question with assurance.

Jesus **had promised** that he would not leave us Comfortless, but that he would seal us with his Spirit (John 14:18, Acts 2:38-39). This promise was fulfilled upon your obedience to the commands of the Gospel, (John 14:21-24, Acts 5:31-32).

The Holy Spirit speaks to the hearts of all saints in **Eph 2:11-12** commanding us to remember the old sinful life style of the person we were in bondage to sin and short of God's glory. This was "**at that time**" **before the Father sent the promised Spirit into our hearts**. At that time our hearts were not sealed with the Spirit of promise, our **souls were comfortless**. Jesus promised that when the Father sealed our hearts with the Spirit of promise (**the comforter**) he himself would also come. In Hebrews 13:5 he promised that once he is present in our souls, he would never leave us nor forsake us

I Will Come

I Will Never Leave You

John 14:18

In order for Jesus to Dwell in our Hearts by Faith. He Must first be present by Faith....Gal 3:26-27. Its important for us to affirm his presence, and his love for us, and then keep the command to keep ourselves in the Love of God Jude

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Heb 13:5

Once present he promise to never leave or forsake us. Faith in these promises is the bases to facing every situation in your **walk of Faith** with assurance that he is your helper in time of need ..Heb 2:17-18, 4:14-16.

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This study explores the promise of Jesus that he would not leave you comfortless, but that he would come and live in your heart when God the Fathers sealed your heart with the Holy Spirit of promise. Along with their presence is their unconditional love for your soul. You love God because he first loves you.

In this study you will learn the inseparable ties between faith, obedience to God's commands, God's love for us, and our love for God.

Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and **my words abide in you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (*Prayers of Faith Eph 3:12-21, vs 20 ask or think*)

Joh 15:8 Herein is **my Father glorified**, that **ye bear much fruit**; so shall ye be my disciples. (*See Eph 3:18,21 all saints - Glory by Jesus Christ*)

Joh 15:9 As the Father hath **loved me**, so have **I loved you: continue ye in my love**. See **Jude 1:20-21** (commanded to keep ourselves in the love of God)

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; **even as I have kept my Father's commandments**, and abide in his love.

Quick Overview of Key Learnings

Jesus has been praying for you that you would obey the commands of the Gospel and that God the Father would send (sealed you with) the Holy Spirit into your heart. During his ministry on earth and before returning to his Father he promised that when the Father, in answer to his prayer, sent the Holy Spirit into your heart that both he and his Father would also come and make their home in your heart.

There is no greater or more essential truth that you could learn and embrace by faith as you began your walk of faith, than the truth that the Creator of your soul is now present in your heart. The purpose of their presence in your heart is to **empower and enable** (Eph 3:20) you along with all the saints (Eph 3:18) young and old, to now live by faith as the new person that we are created you in Christ to become (Eph 2:10, II Cor 5:17. This Person, renewed day by day, is motivated by a growing experience of God's Love, and is destined to be glorified with a New Body like Christ's resurrected body (II Cor 3:17-18, II Cor 4:14-5:2, Phil 3:20-21.

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- 1 **John 14:15-23, 26 ...Jesus Promise:** I will pray to the Father to send the comforter (Holy Spirit); I will Come; Me and My Father will come, **make our abode in your heart, and Love you unconditionally**
2. **John 14:21,23,24, ...His promise is extended** to any person who has his commands and keeps his commands ... **Acts 2:37-41, Acts 5:31-32**
 > **Consider**...John 17:21.....Believe on me through their word
3. **His Promise Fulfilled**
Acts 2:37-41...Jesus had taught the Apostles, that his prayer to the Father to send the Holy Spirit in his name would include any person who had his commands and kept his commands. The Apostle Peter, in keeping with Jesus teaching, announces to the Jews on the Day of Pentecost, that it is the Lord our God who calls us by the Gospel. **His calling** through the Gospel includes his commands to repent and be baptized to receive forgiveness of sin (see again John 14:21-24, John 17:20), and the fulfillment of his promise that the Father would send the Comforter into their hearts.
4. **Read Acts 5:31-32, Gal 4:6**...The promise fulfilled in the hearts of those who obey the commands of the Gospel (I Peter 1:22, Rom 6:17).

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Class questions

1. In Acts 19:1-5 What question did the Apostle Paul ask some of the disciples that he found at Ephesus_____
2. Why is it important that that Christians young and old answer this question yes and with confidence.._____

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Monday 17

I Will Come

(God's Presence in our Hearts)

This lesson series considers the fulfillment of Jesus prayer and promise that the Father would send the comforter into the hearts of His Apostles, and those who believed on him through their words (John 17:20-21). We emphasize the commands to repent and be baptized as a part of the Call of the Father. We harmonize this with the teaching of Jesus that he would pray to the Father to send the Comforter into the souls of any person who had his commands and kept his commands.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the **word of truth**, the **gospel of your salvation**: in whom also after that ye *believed*, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**,

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Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Joh 14:16 *And I will pray the Father*, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 14:17 *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**.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Purpose: To see the *desire of Jesus* that the souls of men are inhabited by their Creator, and are “ not Left Comfortless or orphaned”.

Emphasis: This session emphasizes the desire of Jesus that the souls of men are inhabited by their creator, and are “ not **Left Comfortless or Orphaned**”. We point out that a comfortless heart is one where neither the Holy Spirit of Promise or Christ Christ is present, John 14:18/Eph 2:12.

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Eph 1:13-14

Eph 2:11-12

John 14:18

Before Our Lord returned to heaven to fulfill his intercessory ministry as our Brother and High Priest, he promised his Apostles that after his resurrection and upon his return to the he would be in prayer for them and for mankind that God the Father would send a comforter to abide with them forever (John 14:16-18, John 17:5, 20-21, Romans 8:34, Hebrews 4:14-16, I John 2:1-2).

On the Night of his betrayal and about fifty two days before the historical events of Pentecost, Jesus teaches the men that he had chosen as eye witnesses, about:

1. his **return to the Father** (John 14:1-2)
2. his **ministry in heaven after his return** (John 14:16-24, Acts 2:23-36, Eph 1:17-23, Rom 8:39)
3. his **future presence** in their hearts (John 14:18, 21-24)
4. in John 17 he prays about their **oneness** in purpose and mission on earth with the Godhead (**John 17:3, 17, 21-26, Eph 4:1-6**) and about his future return for them that they might be with him and behold his glory (**see also, John 14:1-3**).

Thought: The Holy Spirit had been with the Apostles but not present in their hearts to empower and enable them to fulfill their unique ministry as Eye witnesses of the resurrection of Christ. Jesus promised them that as a part of his intercessory ministry when he returned to the Father he would be praying that the Father would send another Comforter into their hearts. He expanded this promise to include all people who had the commands of the Gospel and obeyed them (John 14:21-24, John 17:21).

The **comforter is the Holy Spirit of promise** referred to in Eph 1:13-14.

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Setting the Stage

The passages in John chapters 13 through 17 are known as the Upper Room Discourse. They take us into the intimate thoughts of Jesus just before his crucifixion. Within hours of this time in the upper room, the Lord was hanging upon a cross. In less than twenty-four hours, he was dead and buried.

Jesus, the creator of our eternal soul, is fulfilling the historical events of his ministry as planned by the Father who sent him, and as foretold by the prophets (Acts 3:18). There is no doubt that he is the ***Sovereign manager*** of the events surrounding his death, burial, resurrection, ascension, ministry in heaven, and his return to receive not only his Apostles, but those who would believe on him through their words (John 14:1-2, 17:20-21). Driven by his Great love for the Souls of mankind he was laying down his life in demonstration of his Love for their souls (**Jn 10:15-18, Jn 15:13, Jn 3:16, Rom 5:6-8**).

The teaching in John Chapters 13-17, therefore, constitute the last words of Jesus before his death (**John 18:1-40 through 19:1-31**). He was speaking to those men that he had chosen to be the Eye Witnesses of the historical events of the Gospel (Acts 5:31-32, John 16:7-13).

John 14:1-3: He is in discussion with his apostles about the reality of his Departure back to heaven and his return at a later future time.. **John 14:12, 19, 28.**

Jesus, in John 14:15-24 is speaking specifically to the men that he had chosen to be eye witnesses of his resurrection. **But, as we will learn in these passages, he extends his prayer and promise to include all persons who had his commands and kept his commands.**

> **Note Jn 14:21-24:** His request to the Father is universal (***any human being***) Jesus prayer includes not just his Apostles, but any human beings who obeyed his commands (See John 17:20).

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Before proceeding let's look at some important Biblical events that will help us understand the promise of Jesus.

The Historical Events " Yet Future"

1. Death, Burial, Resurrection...John 18-20:20
2. His ascension back to the Father... John 14:1-2, Acts 1: 3-6, 9-11
3. Intercessory ministry in heaven in behalf of mankind.....Acts 2:32-33, Heb 4:14, Rom 8:34, I Jn 2:1-2
4. The beginning of his prayer to the Father to send the comforter (Holy Spirit) into the hearts of his Apostles and all men, who had his commands and kept his commands (John 14:15-23, Acts 2:37-40).

Review Questions

1. Give a brief summary of the situation and the events about to occur when Jesus promises to pray to the Father to send the comforter (Holy Spirit) into the hearts of mankind.
2. Which of these events were not included in the historical events about to occur?

Yes / No

- a. _____ Death, Burial, Resurrection
- b. _____ His intercessory ministry in heaven
- c. _____ His ascension back to the Father
- d. _____ Changed Water to wine

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I. I will **Pray** the Father

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
KJV

16 Joh 14:16 I will ask the Father to give you another Helper, to be with you always.
ISV

Pray means: to request, entreat, beg, beseech

IGNT will Request fut, act, indic 2 pl

It is a prayer that Jesus would pray in the Future

once he returned to His Father.

1. Acts 1:10-11
2. Heb 4:14
3. Rom 8:34

II. **His Request is:** That the Father would send the Comforter into the Hearts of mankind

Thought: The Holy Spirit had been with them. Jesus promises that as a part of his future intercessory ministry he would be praying that the Father would send another Comforter into their hearts. He is speaking specifically to the men that he had chosen to be eye witnesses of his resurrection, **but he extends his prayer and promise to all persons who had his commands and kept his commands ... John 14:21-24.**

> **He taught them further:**

III Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; **It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.**

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1. Jesus promised his Apostles that when he returned to the Father he would pray that the Father send another _____ who is _____.
2. His promise included _____ John 14:21-24

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(God our Creator Comforts our Heart)

Consider this tremendous thought that “Jesus Creator of our Soul is presently in prayer for the salvation of the Souls of Mankind”. His desire is that our souls are not left comfortless.

1. John 1:1-3 Jesus is the Creator of their souls. **He knew** the thoughts and feelings in their hearts.

As their Creator Jesus knew that their hearts were presently troubled, afraid, and sorrowful. He also knew what their emotional state in the future would be (Jn 14:1 troubled, Jn 16:22 sorrowful, Jn 16:6, Jn 14:27 troubled and afraid. He knew that in the future their hearts would need his full Joy.

2. (Joh 2:25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for **he knew** what was in man.)

As the Creator of their Soul, he knew that the greatest need of their soul was to experience the presence of its Creator, loving it unconditionally. He could see in their hearts their need to be encouraged with hope as he reveals to them that for now he is leaving.

3 Joh 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray him;

Joh 13:11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, **Ye are not all clean.**

Therefore, Jesus promised that when he returned to the Father and as a part of his intercessory ministry in behalf of mankind, that he would be in prayer to the Father to send the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) into the heart of any person who had his commands and kept his commands, (see Jn 14:21-24). He also promise that with this reality both he and his Father would also come and Love them unconditionally.

See Reference: Jesus Creator of Our Eternal Soul

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The purpose of Jesus return to the Father and present ministry at the throne of grace is to make it possible for the Creator of our soul to inhabit our hearts, and love us unconditionally. Our soul is left comfortless without the presence, communion, and love of its Creator.

Rom 8:34 Jesus is presently at the Right Hand of God and makes Intercession for the saints (I Jn 1:7,9) and for mankind as a whole I Jn 2:2.

Just Think: Driven by his great love for your soul, Jesus laid down his life for you in demonstration of his unconditional Love for you (**Jn 10:15-18, Jn 15:13, Jn 3:16, Rom 5:6-8**). When he went back to heaven, he began praying to the Father to send the Holy Spirit into our heart. His prayer for us is fulfilled when we obey the commands to repent and be baptized for the remission of our sins to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:36-41, Acts 5:31-32**).



A Great way for us to start each day would be in partnership with Jesus in his continuous prayer to the Father that mankind might experience his Presence and his unconditional love for them. Our prayer would include all of the people that God has put in our life that we know or believe have not obeyed the commands of the Gospel and therefore do not have the comforter living in their soul.

> **Consider Eph 2:18:** the privilege that we have as children of God to partner with Jesus as he prays that the unsaved people of our time and in our path of service.

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John 14:18

See > Comfortless Hearts and Lives Eph 2:11-12 (Eph 2:1-3, Eph 4:17-22)

Joh 14:18 I will not
leave you comfortless:
I will come to you.

Jesus' desire and Concern as Creator of our hearts
are that our hearts are not left comfortless.

1. Comfortless means:

Orphanos

Thayer Definition:

1) bereft (of a father, of
parents)

1a) of those **bereft** of a
teacher, guide, guardian

1b) orphaned

Part of Speech: adjective

An Orphan is a human being, deprived of a father and of parent. Individuals, who teach them, guide them, who are their guardians, who care for them, who nurture them, who encourage them, and who love them unconditionally.

In Jesus teaching it is the heart, left without the presence and fellowship of its Creator, and the abounding experience of the Creators unconditional love for them. (Jn 14:21-24, Eph 3:16-

19) The essential key to his promise was that "He would Not Leave them Comfortless" He promise that he would Come.

1. John 14:18
2. Eph 1:13-14
3. Eph 2:11-12
4. Gal 4:6

Comfortless hearts are the hearts of souls not yet sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise and that are without Christ in the world.

Read: Eph 2:11-2 **Fill in the Blanks:**

Your soul is left orphaned when it is left without

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

So he promised, I Will not leave you comfortless, I will come. Then and only then would the need for their soul be fulfilled. As their creator Jesus could when present be to their soul what no other person could be. A Friend, who loved their souls unconditionally, and brought to it through his present active involvement each day, his strength, comfort, hope, patience, joy, peace and boldness in the day of Judgement.

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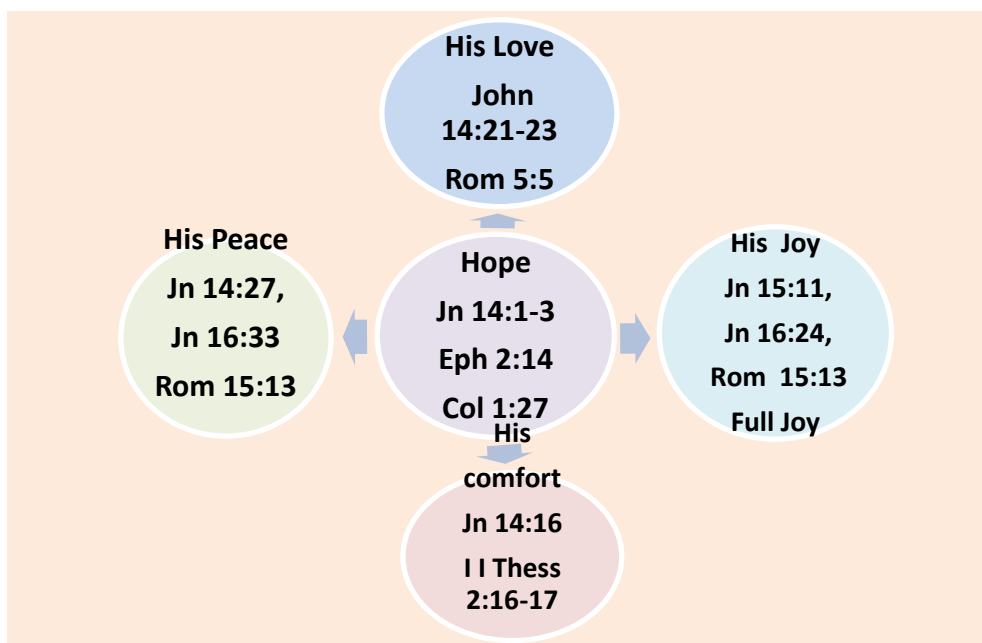
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Throughout these last hours Jesus encourages his Apostles not to let their hearts be trouble, and afraid. He could see in their hearts that they needed to be encouraged with hope as he reveals to them that for now he is leaving. He promised that he would send another comforter and that they would not be left as orphans. He teaches them what his future presence would mean in their hearts and in the hearts of men who believed on him through their word.

His desire for them and all of mankind is that they are not left eternally comfortless. As the Creator of our heart/soul (Jn 1:3, he knows that their greatest need, *is for their hearts to be inhabited by its Creator and loved unconditionally by him.*

His Presence in the hearts of all who obeyed his commands would mean their experience of his love, his joy, his peace, and their hope of eternal life with him ,



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The prayer and promise of Jesus would be fulfilled in the hearts of any person who had his commands and kept his commands. Both he and his Father would come and make their abode in their hearts and love them unconditionally.

Jesus desire is that none are left comfortless (**Jn 3:16-17, I Tim 2:4-6**). But his prayer and promise is reality in the hearts of any person who obeys his commands. This is because there is an essential inseparable connection between our obedience to his commands and our experience of his presence, his Love for us, and our love for him and others...**John 15:9-10, I Jn 2:4-5, Acts 2:37-41, Acts 5:31-32, Rom 5:5,**

1. I Will Come

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Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come** to you.

Joh 14:21 **He** that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, **he** it is that loveth me: and **he** that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

2. We Will Come

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and **we will come** unto him, and make our abode with him.

Vs. 21...Manifest: To reveal, make known,

Vs 21/23 Loved by the Father and the son

> **he** it is that loveth me (**pres act.**

Indic. 3p) Jesus speaks of any person who has his commands and keeps his commands.

> **shall be loved of my Father**⊕(fut pass. Indic. 3p sg) at a future time that person would be the passive recipient of the Father's love.

John 14:23...We will Come (fut mid indic)

We will make IGNT Fut mid ind. Pl AGL To remain, dwell

John 14: 23...Abode: of God and Christ, by their power and spirit, exerting a most blessed influence, on the souls of believers John 14:23

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I Will Come

(God our Creator Comforts our Heart)



Class questions

1. When Jesus prayer is fulfilled in the human heart who is present
 _____.
2. What other action would they take in addition to coming and making their our heart their home _____ Eph 3:15-19, John 14:21-24.

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The reality of his intercessory ministry in heaven was first declared by the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Apostle Peter (one of the Apostles with Jesus in John 14:15-24) on the day of Pentecost.

> **Acts 2:33-36**..Jesus was now in heaven at the right hand of the Father:

Supportive Passages: **Eph 1:20-23, Heb 4:14, I Jn 2:1-2, Romans 8:34**

> **Review: John 14:15-24:** Jesus taught us that his prayer and promise would be fulfilled in the hearts of anyone who obeyed his commands. We know that these are the commands of the Gospel to repent and be baptized, since they are the commands that when obeyed his prayer and promise that God the Father would send the Holy Spirit of promise would be fulfilled.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the **Father**, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 14:17 *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.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the **gift of the Holy Ghost**.

Act 2:39 For **the promise** is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Think: **Jn 14:21-23**

Have commands/**Keep** commands

Saving Obedience

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**,

Act 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Act 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the **Holy Ghost**, whom God hath given to them **that obey him**.

Gal 4:6 And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit** of his Son into **your hearts**, crying, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

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> The fulfillment of the Prayer, Promise and Presence of Jesus began on the day of Pentecost and will continue until he returns for all the Saints.

- > **John 14:15-18**....his promise to the Apostles (Acts 2:4, 14, 32, 42,43)
- > John 14:21-23 his promise to all who had his commands and kept his Commands: Acts 2:36-41, Acts 5:31-32

The inseparable ties between Love and Obedience

We have learned that the reality of the presence and Love of the Father and the Son is true of those who ***know the commands of God and keep them*** and into whose heart the Father sends the Comforter.

> **John 15:9-10**

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.	9 I have loved you, just as my Father has loved me. So remain faithful to my love for you.
10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. KJV	10 If you obey me, I will keep loving you, just as my Father keeps loving me, because I have obeyed him. CEV

Jesus is our Example of the inseparable ties between love and obedience to the Fathers commands

John 15:9-10: We know from Jesus example that it is the Love of the Father that in our hearts is the reason for obedience. There is an inseparable link between his grace, his great love for us and that Faith that responds in obedience to his love...Eph 2:3-8.

Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Saving Faith and the love that energizes it cannot be separated. Saving faith always includes obedience to the commands of God. Obedience to his word is the means by which he perfects us in his Love.

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Considerations about Faith and Obedience

> Saving faith is possible only when God speaks to our hearts: Rom 10:9-17

What God speaks to our hearts by means of his word is the sole source of saving faith. His word contains declarations of truth to be believed, Promises to be accepted as true and experienced, past, present and future, and exhortations and commands that tell us what action to take by Faith to realize and experience the present eternal reality of his promises past, present and future.

Saving Faith is the response of our hearts to what God speaks to it. When he speaks to our hearts and issues commands he is telling us what action we must take are have already taken to have a promise fulfilled. We can have ***saving obedience to the extent that*** God speaks to our hearts and issues his commands or exhortations telling us what action to take.

Realities and promises associated with your new birth experience of being sealed with the has already occurred. You must now learn them and put faith in what God has revealed about what has already occurred (Eph 1:13-14, Eph 2:11-22).

We are Keeping Someone's commands all the time

Keeping commands are a part of human existence. You are always keeping someone's commands. The things that you do and practice are driven by some one's commands. If you live at home and enjoy the benefits of the comforts of living with your parent, you are probably living, to some degree, in compliance with their commands, whether they come from unwritten rules are have been verbally and formerly expressed. If you have a Job you are living in compliance with rules (commands) that you must obey in order to enjoy the benefits of working for that company. In any social relationship where we are complying with the mutual demands that are placed on it by the people in it to act in a certain way in order to maintain it we are acting in obedience to commands (rules of compliance) that make that relationship work for the people involved.

Also, there are many religious rules and commands that we obey that engage us in the activities of a local Church are a group in the Church.

Our actions can always be traced back to some command or rules of compliance that we are following to live with others.

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Considerations about Faith and Obedience

John 15:9-10: The commands related to God's love for us and our love for God are uniquely spoken to us by God the Father.

Jesus teaches us the value of obedience to His Fathers commands in order to be loved by both He and his Father and in order for us to Love him and have a Growing experience of that love. He also commands us to love one another using his love for us as our model John 13:24.

Our obedience to the Fathers commands is the manifestation of his love for us first and our love for him because he first loved us..I Jn 4:19, Mark 12:33, Rom 13:8-10. Our unselfish loving habit of life toward others is the outcome of our growing experience of his love toward us..Eph 3:16-17, Rom 5:5, I Thess 3:12-13).

1Jn 3:24 And he that keepeth his **commandments** dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

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1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his **commandments**.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his **commandments**: and his **commandments** are not grievous.

This is the Love of God, that we keep his commandments:

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The reality of his presence and his promises are inseparably tied to obedience to his commands. His word contains his commandments. There is an inseparable connection between keeping his commandments and our growing experience of his Love...John 14:21, in fact **Jesus commands** the mutual practice of our experience of his love one toward another (see I John 4:10-11 Eph 4:15-16, John He teaches that when we abide in his Love we are his Friend (13:33-35). Our practice of his love requires his presence and the fulfillment of his ministry in your souls as granted by God the Father (John 14:23, Eph 1:13-14, 2:22, 3:16-21).

Our initial experience of the presence and Love of God is directly link to commands that he issues in response to the question "what shall we do". Upon obedience to these commands of the Gospel (repent and be baptized) he seals our hearts with the Holy Spirit of promise (the comforter) and fulfils his promise to come and

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abide in our hearts forever and love us unconditionally..John 14:21-23, Acts 2:26-41, Acts 5:31-32, Gal 4:6, Heb 5:8-9.

Essential Consideration about Obedience and Salvation

> (Eph 2:4-8 Saving Faith always include obedience to the commands that God issues).

> **Key Observation:** I have not found a command issued by God to take the action to pray the sinners prayer for Jesus to come into your heart. This is a command to take an action to have God save your soul. But, so far I have not seen this command in the New Testament.

Not that we loved him but that he loved us

1 Jn 4:8 God is love, and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him.

1 Jn 4:9 God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life.

1 Jn 4:10 Real love isn't our love for God, but his love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven.

1 Jn 4:11 Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we must love each other.

> **Note** In Jn 2:5-6 growth in his love is the reality in the hearts of Christians who live in obedience to his word.

Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and **my words abide in you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (*Prayers of Faith Eph 3:12-21, vs 20 ask or think*)

Joh 15:8 Herein is **my Father glorified**, that **ye bear much fruit**; so shall ye be my disciples. (*See Eph 3:18,21 all saints - Glory by Jesus Christ*)

Joh 15:9 As the Father hath **loved me**, so have **I loved you: continue ye in my love**. See Jude 1:20-21 (commanded to keep ourselves in the love of God)

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; **even as I have kept my Father's commandments**, and abide in his love.

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The Passages that we have covered helps us understand what it means to be Sealed with the Spirit of Promise, based on what Jesus taught us about being sealed. They provide for the Newly Born Christian teaching from Jesus that is the means of affirming that the prayer and promise of Christ in John 14:15-24 has been fulfilled in their hearts.

The moment you gladly received his words and obeyed the commands of the Gospel to repent and be baptized, God the Father sent the Holy Spirit into your heart. As promised by Jesus, both he and his Father are now present in your heart through the Spirit. You are sealed with the Spirit of promise....Eph 1:13-14, Eph 2:22.

Eph 1:1-4, I John 3:1-2, 2:18-19, Col 1:12 Affirms that you are now loved, blameless, and qualified for the inheritance because of the great love that God has bestowed upon you. This Love that you can experience by faith in the teaching of the Spirit that affirms its reality is described in **I Jn 4:19** as First Love. And, by faith today you can affirm based on this study each day of your life that ***you love him because he first loved you.***

Now Jesus commands us to continue in his love (The Holy Spirit commands us again in Jude 1:21..Keep on keeping yourself in the love of God.

Joh 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
> See I John 2:5

Jud 1:21 ***Keep yourselves in the love of God,*** looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

These are Both Commands to allow God our Creator to Love us to a greater degree (Eph 3:17-19, I Thess 3:12-13) and to keep us blameless, holy, and qualified for the promised eternal inheritance.