

## **“One of God’s Great Certainties”**

John 14:15-18

Sunday Evening, August 26, 2018

**Introduction:** The words in John chapter 14 were spoken to the disciples in the Upper Room by Jesus on the night before the crucifixion. It is an interesting chapter in the Bible.

- It is filled with “certainties” and with “ifs.”
- There are seven “ifs” in the chapter (v.2, 3, 7, 14, 15, 23, 28).

**T.S.** Amid these “ifs” is one of God’s great certainties. We see it in a promise that Jesus made.

**Text:** John 14:15-18

Becoming a Christian is an easy thing. You must:

1. Realize that you are a sinner
2. Understand that your sins separate you from God
3. Understand that nothing you can do can pay your sin debt
4. Understand that nothing your church can do can pay your sin debt
5. Understand that nothing anybody can do can pay your sin debt
6. Believe that Jesus death on the cross pays your sin debt
7. Repent of your sins
8. Trust Jesus to save you.

**Becoming a Christian is an easy thing, but living the Christian life is not an easy thing.**

- That is an understatement!!
- On the same night in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus told His disciples: “The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Matthew 26:41).

- The apostle Paul, probably the greatest Christian who ever lived, said that the things he did not want to do were the things that he did, and the things that he wanted to do were the things he did not do (Romans 7).

Now let's be clear on this matter. When you become a Christian, the Holy Spirit indwells you (Romans 8:9; 1 cor. 6:19-20; 12:13).

- When Jesus made this promise to His disciples in the Upper Room, the disciples had Him to help them.
- Jesus promised that they would have "another" like Him to help them.
- The word "another" is the English translation of the Greek word "allos" which means "another of the same kind."
- The word "Helper" is the English translation of the Greek word "parakletos."
- It ("parakletos") is an untranslatable word.
- Various translations use the words Holy Ghost (years ago the word "ghost" meant "spirit," but in our time the word "ghost" involves superstition, Holy Spirit, Advocate, Comforter, Counselor, and Helper.
- The Holy Spirit is all of that, but none of that gives the full picture.

The Holy Spirit is like Jesus Himself in the Present Tense doing in our lives what He did for the people during His incarnate ministry.

**Application:** You have the Holy Spirit in you to guide you in what to do and make you able to do it. The Holy Spirit in you can enable you to cope with things.

**Conclusion:** You can have the Holy Spirit to guide you and enable you to cope with whatever comes your way if you will do what Jesus said that is recorded in

John 14:15. When Jesus is the true love of your life, it will be shown in obedience. He who “indwells” you will “infill” you and there will be a radiance and resiliency in your life.