

Gospel of John 14:15 – 31

New American Standard Version

1 15 “If you **love** Me, you will keep My commandments. 16 I
2 will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**
3 that He may be with you forever; 17 *that is* the Spirit of truth,
4 whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him
5 or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with
6 you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I
7 will come to you. 19 After a little while the world will no
8 longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will
9 live also. 20 In that day you will know that I am in My
10 Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My
11 commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me;
12 and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will
13 love him and will disclose Myself to him.” 22 Judas (not
14 Iscariot) *said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that
15 You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the
16 world?” 23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves
17 Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him,
18 and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.
19 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and
20 the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who
21 sent Me. 25 These things I have spoken to you while abiding
22 with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father
23 will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and
24 bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. 27 Peace I
25 leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world
26 gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor
27 let it be fearful. 28 You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away,
28 and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have
29 rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater
30 than I. 29 Now I have told you before it happens, so that
31 when it happens, you may believe. 30 I will not speak much
32 more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he
33 has nothing in Me; 31 but so that the world may know that I
34 love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me.
35 Get up, let us go from here.”

*Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.***

Observation (What does it say?):

*Box all the references to **love** in this passage.*

*Circle all the references to the **Holy Spirit***

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Where love is mentioned in this passage:

- *Who are the subjects (the ones loving)?*
- *Who are the objects (the ones being loved)?*
- *What are the results or the consequences?*

What does Jesus say about the nature and the work of the Holy Spirit?

Why does Jesus interweave those two themes?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

How does this passage help you distinguish the roles and relationships among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? (Or does it?)

How might this passage affect your prayers and your relationship with each member of the Trinity?

Questions for further thought and discussion:

- How does Jesus answer the question asked in verse 22? What does His response have to do with the question?
- How does Jesus model what He tells His disciples? How does verse 31 relate to verse 15?
- Does Jesus imply that He is not equal to the Father (“He is greater than I” in v. 28; He obeys the Father’s commands, v. 31)? Why or why not?
- How was the Spirit abiding with the disciples (v. 17)? How was Jesus coming to the disciples (v. 18)? How do you understand the relationship between Jesus and the Spirit from these verses?

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation
(What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer’s thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation
(What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer’s thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application
(What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them. – J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)