



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 14:19-24
From Sermon 11.17.24

Read *John 14:19-24*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: The new ministry of God the Holy Spirit is the theme of Jesus' teaching in verses 15-26. Yet, sandwiched right in between two portions of Holy Spirit doctrine is powerful, inescapable teaching on obedience. Love for God/Christ and obedience to the Law of God are inseparable. Jesus never mentions warm feelings, sincerity, or good intentions. Real love—from a genuinely redeemed heart—will always result in a submission to the Commands of God.

1. What is the relationship of grace to obedience? Only Grace saves; obedience never can (perfect obedience is impossible). Obedience to the commands of Christ, however, is the main evidence of the presence of that God-given grace.

2. What changed from the Old Covenant [Testament] to the New Covenant [Testament]? See *Ezekiel 36:26-27 & Jeremiah 31:33*. In the Old Covenant, the Law on was stone tablets and the covenant was conditional. In the New Covenant, the Law is written on the newborn heart and the Covenant is unconditional. Where the Old Testament believer could find the Law burdensome, the New Testament believer will delight in the protective Law of God.

3. How does natural, unsaved man view the Law & Scriptures? He hates it. Rejects it. Picks and chooses. Writes his own. Views it as restrictive, unloving, and evil. See also *Romans 8:5-8*

3a. How does redeemed man view the Law & Scriptures? He loves it, because he loves Holy God. He Receives it. Studies it. Views it as protective, holy, worthy, and immutable. See also *Romans 7:12 & 22*

4. Read and discuss *Galatians 5:13-25*. There will always be concrete evidence of being lost or being saved. Each nature has its own distinct proof in the person's life. Past decisions and experiences are irrelevant. What kind of heart and fruit is being produced? No one can say they love God and, at the same time, despise His Commandments.

5. Discuss Judas' (not Iscariot) question about the disclosure of Christ to the World. For three years, Jesus had been disclosing Himself in Word, power, and miracles. Since the beginning, God has been revealing Himself through General Revelation. Evidence is never the issue. Discuss General Revelation.

5a. Then, review Special revelation, and the commission given to believers to tell the world. See also *Matthew 16:16-17*

6. Quiz Time Again: Name the 12 Original Apostles and the two added later: Peter, James, John, Andrew, Matthew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew/Nathanael, Simon the Zealot, James (Alpheus), Judas, Judas Iscariot. Later: Matthias & Paul.