



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 14:27-31
From Sermon 11.24.24

Read *John 14:27-31*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: These are some of the final words from Christ in that upper room. He knows their hearts and He knows their future. While they must go through the trials, He is giving them all the assurances and resources they will need. Fortunately, He also knows our hearts and futures and has promised the very same blessings. All the promises hinge in Calvary's cross. By dying on behalf of the elect, Jesus completes the assigned mission, proves His love for the Father, and is validated by the resurrection.

1. Is the cross terrible or beautiful? Various answers. The answer is "yes". Because of our sin, the cross is terrible. Because of the reason Jesus went there on our behalf, it is beautiful.

2. How does the world view the cross of Christ? Defeat. Another martyrdom. A waste. Foolishness. See also *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

3. Jesus addresses four characters in the redemptive drama. The cross has a relationship to each character. Discuss how Jesus relates to each.

- The World = Jesus is proven right. Not what the world said/says about Him, but what He says about Himself.
- The Elect = He's proven faithful. Everything He promised them comes to pass. We can trust His Words and His future truths.
- The Enemy = He's proven sovereign. Jesus wins. He goes the cross voluntarily. He frees the elect.
- The Father = He's proven His love through obedience to the plan. The resurrection is the stamp of approval.

4. Re-read verse 27. What does the world/culture consider to be real peace? Various answers. The absence of worldly trials. Security. The world the way I want it. No guns, wars, profit, oil, borders, religion, nationalism, everyone accepting and celebrating sin, money, retirement,...

4a. What kind of peace, then, is Jesus referring to? 1) Peace with God. No longer enemies facing His wrath. [2 Corinthians 5:18-20]. 2) Peace in the midst of trials because this life is so temporary and cannot compare to eternity. [2 Corinthians 4:17]. 3) Joy that our trials have purpose = the glory of God or our growth and maturity. [James 1:2-4]

5. What did Jesus mean when He said Satan "*has nothing in Me*"? He has no sin. He's Fully righteous and innocent & fully obedient to the Law. Satan cannot take His life nor make any claim for hell. Jesus has the power and rule over the enemy...not the other way around.

5a. What does that imply for us? Since we are in Christ and He is in us, Satan has nothing on us who have been imputed with the righteousness of Christ. See also *2 Corinthians 5:21*

6. Over the Christmas holiday season, what can you ask God to teach you and show you—from Jesus' Words—that will prepare you for the days, weeks, and months ahead?