

Message Twelve

**Life's Indwelling for the Building of God's Habitation and Life's Prayer**

Scripture reading: John 14 - 17

**I. The Gospel of John is divided into two main parts:**

- A. The first part shows the Lord's coming, and the second part shows the Lord's going.
  - 1. The first section of the Gospel of John, composed of chapters one through thirteen, shows how Christ as the eternal Word came through incarnation to bring God into man to be the life and the life supply to man – John 1:11-13:38.
  - 2. The second section, composed of chapters fourteen through twenty-one, shows how Jesus crucified and Christ resurrected going to prepare the way to bring man into God, and as the Spirit coming to abide and live in the believers – 14:1-21:25.
- B. By the Lord's coming we take Him as life, and by His going He builds us into God.

**II. Life's Indwelling for the Building of God's Habitation – 14:1-16:33.**

- A. John 14 – 16 is a long discourse given by Christ to His disciples on the night before He was crucified concerning the issue of His glorification by the Father with His glory.
- B. The dispensing of the Triune God – for the producing of the Father's House for His dwelling – 14:1-31.
  - 1. Jesus going through death and Christ coming in resurrection to bring the believers into the Father – vv.1-6.
  - 2. The Triune God dispensing Himself into the believers – vv.7-20.
    - a) The Father embodied in the Son seen among the believers – vv. 7-14.
    - b) The Son realized as the Spirit to abide in the believers – vv. 15-10.
  - 3. The Triune God making an abode with the believers – vv. 21-14.
  - 4. The Comforter's reminding and Life's peace – vv. 25-31.
- C. The Organism of the Triune God in the divine dispensing as the Son's vine for His spreading to express the Father – 15:1-16:4.
  - 1. The Vine and the branches being an Organism to Glorify the Father by expressing the riches of the divine Life – 15:1-11.
  - 2. The branches loving one another to express the divine Life in fruit-bearing – vv.12-17.
  - 3. The Vine and branches, separated from the world, being hated and persecuted by the religious world – 15:18-16:4.

- D. The work of the Spirit consummating in the mingling of divinity with humanity as the Spirit's child for His moving – 16:5-33.
  - 1. The Son's going for the Spirit's coming – vv. 5-7.
  - 2. The work of the Spirit – vv.8-15.
    - a) To convict the world – vv.8-11.
    - b) To glorify the Son by revealing Him with the fullness of the Father to the believers – vv.12-15.
    - c) To transmit to the believers all that the Father and the Son have – v.13.
  - 3. The Son to be born in resurrection as a newborn Child – vv.16-24.
  - 4. The believers having peace in the Son in spite of persecution – vv.25-33.

### III. Life's Prayer – 17:1-26.

- A. In the Gospel of John, chapter 17 is Christ's closing prayer to His discourse in chapters 14 – 16.
- B. The Son to be glorified that the Father may be glorified – vv.1-5.
- C. The believers to be built up into one – vv.6-24.
  - 1. In the Father's name by the eternal life – vv.6-13.
  - 2. In the Triune God through sanctification by the Holy Word – vv.14-21.
  - 3. In the divine glory for the expression of the Triune God – vv.22-24.
- D. The Father to be shown righteous in loving the Son and His believers – vv.25-26.

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#### Reference Scripture Verses:

**John 14:1-31.** **1** Do not let your heart be troubled; believe into God, believe also into Me. **2** In My Father's house are many abodes; if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be. **4** And where I am going you know the way. **5** Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way? **6** Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

7 If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and henceforth you know Him and have seen Him. 8 Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father and it is sufficient for us. 9 Jesus said to him, Have I been so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *is it that* you say, Show us the Father? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; but if not, believe because of the works themselves. 12 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes into Me, the works which I do he shall do also; and greater than these he shall do because I am going to the Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

15 If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever, 17 *Even* the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know *Him*; *but* you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you *as* orphans; I am coming to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, he is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him. 22 Judas, not Iscariot, said to Him, Lord, and what has happened that You are to manifest Yourself to us and not to the world? 23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

25 These things I have spoken to you *while* abiding with you; 26 But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and remind you of all the things which I have said to you 27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 You have heard that I said to you, I am going away and I am coming to you. If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. 30 I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and in Me he has nothing; 31 But *this is so* that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded Me, so I do. Rise, let us go from here.

**John 15:1-27.** 1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes it away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can

do nothing. **6** If one does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is dried up; and they gather them and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. **8** In this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and *so* you will become My disciples. **9** As the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. **10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. **11** These things I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you and *that* your joy may be made full.

**12** This is My commandment, that you love one another even as I have loved you. **13** No one has greater love than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. **14** You are My friends if you do what I command you. **15** No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all the things which I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and I set you that you should go forth and bear fruit and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you. **17** These things I command you that you may love one another.

**18** If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before you. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. **20** Remember the word which I said to you, A slave is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted Me, they will persecute you also; if they have kept My word, they will keep yours also. **21** But all these things they will do to you because of My name, because they do not know Him who sent Me. **22** If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. **23** He who hates Me hates My Father also. **24** If I did not do among them the works which no one else has done, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated both Me and My Father. **25** But *it is so* that the word written in their law may be fulfilled, "They hated Me without cause." **26** But when the Comforter comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of reality, who proceeds from the Father, He will testify concerning Me; **27** And you testify also, because from the beginning you have been with Me.

**John 16:1-33.** **1** These things I have spoken to you so that you would not be stumbled. **2** They will put you out of the synagogues; but an hour is coming for every one who kills you to think that he is offering service to God. **3** And these things they will do because they have not known the Father nor Me. **4** But these things I have spoken to you that when their hour comes you may remember them, that I told you *of them*. Now these things I have not said to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

**5** But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, Where are You going? **6** But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **7** But I tell you the truth, It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

**8** And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment: **9** Concerning sin, because they do not believe into Me; **10** And concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer behold Me; **11** And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. **12** I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **13** But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will receive of Mine and will declare *it* to you. **15** All that the Father has is Mine; for *this reason* I have said that He receives of Mine and will declare *it* to you.

**16** A little while and you no longer behold Me, and again a little while and you will see Me. **17** *Some* of His disciples then said to one another, What is this that He says to us, A little while and you do not behold Me, and again a little while and you will see Me; and, Because I am going to the Father? **18** Therefore they said, What is this that He says, A little while? We do not know what He is talking about. **19** Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him and He said to them, Are you inquiring among yourselves concerning this, that I said, A little while and you do not behold Me, and again a little while and you will see Me? **20** Truly, truly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. **21** A woman, when she gives birth, has sorrow because her hour has come; but when she brings forth the little child, she no longer remembers the affliction because of the joy that a man has been born into the world. **22** Therefore you also now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy away from you. **23** And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, Whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give to you. **24** Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be made full.

**25** These things I have spoken to you in parables; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in parables, but I will report to you plainly concerning the Father. **26** In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father concerning you, **27** For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from God. **28** I came forth out from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father. **29** His disciples said, Behold, now You are speaking plainly and not saying any parable. **30** Now we know that You know all things and have no need that anyone ask You; by this we believe that You came forth from God. **31** Jesus answered them, Do you now believe? **32** Behold, an hour is coming, and has come, that you will be scattered each to his own place and will leave Me alone; yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. **33** These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have affliction, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

**John 17:1-26.** **1.** These things Jesus spoke, and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You; **2** Even as You have given Him authority over all flesh to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. **3** And this is eternal life, that they may know You,

the only true God, and Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ. **4** I have glorified You on earth, finishing the work which You have given Me to do. **5** And now, glorify Me along with Yourself, Father, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

**6** I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. **7** Now they have come to know that all that You have given Me is from You, **8** For the words which You gave Me I have given to them, and they received *them* and knew truly that I came forth from You, and they have believed that You sent Me. **9** I ask concerning them; I do not ask concerning the world, but concerning *those* whom You have given Me, for they are Yours; **10** And all that is Mine is Yours, and Yours Mine; and I have been glorified in them. **11** And I am no longer in the world; yet they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given to Me, that they may be one even as We are. **12** When I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given to Me, and I guarded *them*; and <sup>5</sup>not one of them perished, except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. **13** But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world that they may have My joy made full in themselves. **14** I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world. **15** I do not ask that You would take them out of the world, but that You would keep them out of *the hands of the evil one*. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. **18** As You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. **19** And for their sake I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. **20** And I do not ask concerning these only, but concerning those also who believe into Me through their word, **21** That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

**22** And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one; **23** I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into <sup>5</sup>one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me. **24** Father, *concerning* that which You have given Me, I desire that they also may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

**25** Righteous Father, though the world has not known You, yet I have known You, and these have known that You have sent Me. **26** And I have made Your name known to them and will *yet* make *it* known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.