JOHN 14

Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled

a place in the Father's house, the only way there, another Helper, and a peace the world cannot give

> *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."*
> JOHN 14:6

A SMITH FOR CHRIST STUDY · FOUR VOICES: GUZIK · SPROUL · SPURGEON · HENRY

Where we are in John

1. There is no chapter break in the upper room.

2. The chapter is held together by questions from the disciples.

3. Two words frame the whole: “Do not let your heart be troubled” opens it (v1) and returns near the end (v27) — the same verb used of Jesus Himself in 11:33, 12:27 and 13:21.

A Place and a Way

Troubled hearts, the Father's house, and the One who is the way there

JOHN 14:2

"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

DAVID GUZIK

Trust Jesus just as the Father; not a way but the way — or no way.

R.C. SPROUL

We have lost our appetite for heaven; deny the only way and you deny Him.

C.H. SPURGEON

Worry lights no candle; heaven hath but this one gate.

MATTHEW HENRY

The heart is the main fort; heaven a house, not a tent.

μοναὶ πολλαί

MONAI POLLAI · "MANY DWELLING PLACES"

Monē comes from menō, "to abide, remain" — the verb John uses forty times.

I go, I prepare, I come again

FIVE PROMISES IN THREE VERSES · JOHN 14:2–3



the cross, the empty tomb, the ascension	many dwelling places in My Father's house	He Himself returns for His own	not sent for — taken by Him	the goal is not a place but a Person

HOW OUR TEACHERS READ v3

Guzik: "the great gathering together of His people at the end of the age" (with 1 Thess 4).

Also tasted in the resurrection and the Spirit (v18). Henry and Sproul: He returns to bring His own home to the Father's house.

THIS STUDY'S FRAME

The coming for His own of 1 Thess 4:16–17 — He comes for the church and takes it to the Father's house, before the tribulation; the teachers above do not use the word "rapture," and readers differ on timing.

"Dwelling places" (v2) and "abode" (v23) are the same Greek word, *monē* — its only two uses in the NT.

One day we go to live with Him; today He comes to live with us.

Read the five promises left to right — each one is something Jesus does — then see how the teachers read "I will come again," and how the same word links the Father's house (v2) with the believer's heart (v23).

Seeing the Father in the Son

"Show us the Father" — the Son who reveals Him, the greater works, and prayer in His name

JOHN 14:9

Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

DAVID GUZIK

To know Jesus is to know God; greater in magnitude, not sensation.

R.C. SPROUL

Buddha stayed dead; only One atones; greater works through the Spirit; no name-it-claim-it.

C.H. SPURGEON

Near Christ is not knowing Christ; trust Him with anything and everything.

MATTHEW HENRY

More grace than they think; many see less of Christ than they might.

ὁ ἑωρακὼς ἐμὲ ἑώρακεν τὸν πατέρα

HO HEŌRAKŌS EME HEŌRAKEN TON PATERA · "HE WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER"

Both verbs are perfect tense of horaō, "to see, perceive": the one who has seen Me — and still has that sight — has seen the Father.

The seven “I am” sayings

“I AM …” — THE SEVEN SAYINGS IN JOHN

JOHN 6:35	**I am** the bread of life
JOHN 8:12	**I am** the Light of the world
JOHN 10:7, 9	**I am** the door
JOHN 10:11, 14	**I am** the good shepherd
JOHN 11:25	**I am** the resurrection and the life
JOHN 14:6	**I am** the way, and the truth, and the life
JOHN 15:1	**I am** the true vine

And the bare “I am” (*egō eimi*): 8:24, 28, 58; 13:19; 18:5–6 — the name of Exodus 3:14.
In 14:6 the way, the truth and the life are not things He gives apart from Himself; they are Himself.

John 14:6 is the sixth of seven “I am” sayings with a picture attached; each one names what Jesus Himself is for those who believe.

Another Helper

Love that obeys, the Spirit of truth, no orphans — and the Father and Son making their home with us

JOHN 14:16

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

DAVID GUZIK

Love keeps His commandments or it isn't love; the Spirit abides permanently.

R.C. SPROUL

Two requires a first; the Comforter strengthens; sanctification flows from justification.

C.H. SPURGEON

Taught of the Spirit; a convincer before a Comforter; Jesus lives, so we live.

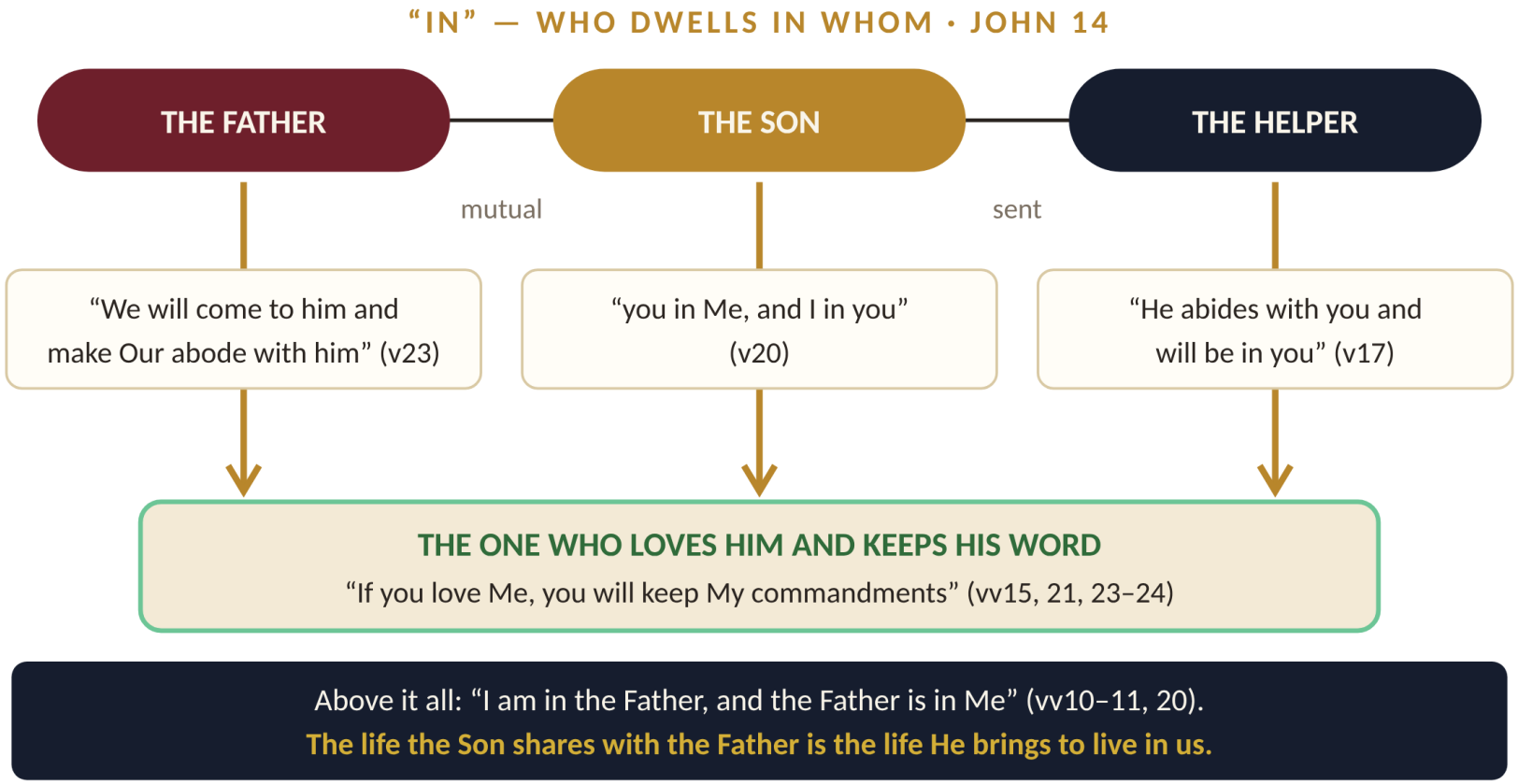
MATTHEW HENRY

Obedience the surest evidence of love; sorrowful but never comfortless.

ἄλλον παράκλητον
ALLON PARAKLĒTON · "ANOTHER HELPER"

Paraklētos is "one called to one's side" — in the courts, an advocate who stands with you; in life, a helper, strengthener, comforter.

Who dwells in whom



Follow the arrows down: the Father, the Son and the Helper all come to dwell in the one who loves Jesus and keeps His word.

Peace Left Behind

The legacy of Jesus, the Father greater, the ruler who has nothing in Him — "Get up, let us go"

JOHN 14:27

"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, nor let it be fearful.

DAVID GUZIK

No fortune to leave but real peace; greater in position, not essence.

R.C. SPROUL

Subordination, not inferiority; coessential with the Father.

C.H. SPURGEON

Under marching orders; ever onward, ever forward.

MATTHEW HENRY

Parted in love; two peaces; not "I must go" but "Let us go."

εἰρήνην ἀφίημι ὑμῖν

EIRĒNĒN APHIĒMI HYMIN · "PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU"

Eirēnē is the Septuagint's word for shalom — not only the absence of conflict but wholeness, welfare, things joined together as they should be.

What to carry from this chapter

1

The comfort comes on the worst night.

Chapter 14 follows straight from Peter's warning (13:38).

2

Heaven is a home, not a camp.

Henry: "Heaven is a house, not a tent or tabernacle."

3

One word, two homes.

Monē appears only in 14:2 ("dwelling places") and 14:23 ("abode").

4

The way is a Person.

"Jesus didn't say that He would show us a way; He said that He is the way" (Guzik).

More to carry

5

Exclusive because He said so.

Sproul to a hostile professor: “It is because Jesus said that He was the only way. If I deny that, I deny Him.”

6

Philip had been looking at the answer.

“He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (v9).

7

“Another” of the same kind.

Allos paraklētos: the Spirit is another Helper like Jesus, who is Himself our Advocate (1 John 2:1).

8

Love that does not obey is not love.

Verses 15, 21, 23 and 24 say it four ways.

Talk it through

1. What is troubling my heart tonight — and what would it look like to “believe also in Me” about that exact thing?

2. When I picture heaven, do I picture a place or a Person? What changes when “where I am, there you may be also” is the center?

3. Where am I tempted to think there are other ways — for me, or for someone I love?

4. Like Philip, where have I been “so long” with Jesus and still not trusted Him with something small?

5. Jesus ties love to obedience four times. Which of His commands is my love for Him being tested on this week?

CLOSING

John 14 is what Jesus says to frightened men on the night everything falls apart: I am going to prepare a place, I am the way there, you have seen the Father in Me, I will send another Helper, I will not leave you as orphans, and I leave you My peace. Then He stands up and walks toward the cross. Do not let your heart be troubled.

Teaching the Word. Watching the Times. — Smith For Christ

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