# Believe (The Gospel According to John)

desert breeze community church Saturday & Sunday, August 7 & 8, 2021 Ray Davis

## "Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled" (John 14:1-14)

John chapter 14 starts with Jesus saying, "Let Not your hearts be troubled" and then He ends in v27 by saying, "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." You will be facing trouble (John 16:33), but you don't need to be troubled.

"Troubled" = Gr. agitated, disturbed, restless, tossed back and forth – It is the picture of a storm-tossed sea.

i.e. If you are bitter over the past, complaining and agitated about the present or worried/anxious about the future than you have a troubled heart.

#### **BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS IN...**

These are gifts for the incredible quest Jesus has sent us on.

HOPE vv1-3; Jer.29:11; 2Cor.4:16-18; 1John 3:1-3

- Heaven is a <u>home</u> filled with <u>love</u> beyond your wildest dreams.
  vv2-3
- Heaven is a <u>person</u> much more than it is a <u>place</u>. v3; 1Cor.13:12
- The path to heaven is through <u>hell</u>, but not for you.

### **SALVATION** vv4-6

- It is relational. v6a; Acts 4:12
- It is truth and life. v6b; John 8:31-32
- It is exclusive and inclusive. v6b; Rom.10:13

#### **KNOWING GOD vv7-11**

- You can know a lot <u>about God</u> but not know God. v9; Matt.7:21-23; John 17:3
- To know God is a <u>heart experience</u> based on the objective truth about God. "Know/Known" 4xs; "Seen" 3xs; Ps.34:8; Jer.9:23-24; v7

#### PRAYER vv12-14

- The <u>Precondition</u>.v12; John 1:12; v13; Luke 11:9-13
- The <u>Power</u>. vv12-13; James 4:2, 5:16
- The Purpose.v13; James 4:3

# **Growing Notes**

- 1) John chapters 13-16 are Jesus' final instructions and training of His disciples the night before He will be hanging on the Cross. Why might their hearts be troubled? What is a troubled heart? How would you help someone with a troubled heart?
- 2) Read John 14:1-3. What comes to mind when you think of heaven? How should the hope of heaven help us to live a better life now for Christ (1John 3:1-3)?
- 3) Read John 14:4-6. What is Jesus teaching us about salvation? How does truth bring freedom to our life (John 8:31-32)? How is Christian salvation both exclusive and inclusive (Acts 4:12; Rom.10:13)?
- 4) Read John 14:7-11. What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God? What does it mean to have a heart experience based on the objective truth about God? What does Jeremiah 9:23-24 tell us about knowing God?
- 5) Read John 14:12-14. How does prayer help us to know God? What are the Preconditions, Power, and Purpose of prayer? Why is it important to always approach prayer with the mindset that anything we could ever get from God is nothing compared to knowing and experiencing God? How are these gifts a remedy to our troubled hearts? Pray.