

Jesus' Love Language

John 14:15-24

Introduction: As we continue our study in the Farewell Discourse, we are considering a passage in which Jesus goes back and forth between statements about loving Him and statements about His personal presence in our lives. When we put it together we'll conclude that through Jesus' presence in our lives through the Holy Spirit He gives us the capacity to speak His love language - obedience.

Read John 14:15-24

1. What does this passage say about love (vv. 15, 21, 23-24)?
2. Why does loving Jesus translate into keeping His commands?

Steve said:

So if you want an honest assessment of your love for Jesus, evaluate how you're doing in various areas of obedience. If you're like me, you hear this and your mind immediately gravitates toward areas of disobedience, as if Jesus is mainly wanting us to feel crummy by saying, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." But there's no evidence Jesus is doing that here.

3. How would you assess your love for Jesus based on how you are doing in various areas of obedience?
4. Do you think Jesus is saying that when we struggle with sin in an area and don't always obey that we don't love him?
5. Referring to the Holy Spirit (v. 16), Jesus says that he will give us "another Helper." Why do you think he uses the word, "another"?
6. How does the Holy Spirit help us love Jesus?

Steve said:

This term translated “abode” [v. 23] is the same word we saw earlier in the chapter in verse 2. There Jesus said that in His Father’s house are many “dwelling places.” Here Jesus says that just as the disciple would one day be at home in the Father’s house, the Father and the Son would come and be at home with the disciple. The Father and the Son will dwell with the believer through the Holy Spirit. This is a staggering thought: the TRINITY is at home with me! That changes everything when I think about doing what Jesus commands and showing Him my love.

7. How does the idea that the Trinity is at home with you affect how you think about loving Jesus through your obedience?

Steve said:

Consider what your life would be like if you believed and therefore experienced these truths. Think about how you’d face disappointment, temptation, enemies, financial difficulties, ministry opportunities, family responsibilities, etc. In other words, think about how you’d be able to walk in obedience in these areas, expressing to Jesus that you love Him. Here’s a catalog of the truths we’ve seen in these verses that we need to believe and experience:

The Father has given “another Helper” who is with me forever.
He is the Spirit of truth who communicates Jesus to me.
I know Him and He is in me.
I am **not** an orphan; I am not abandoned and alone in this world.
My heavenly Father loves me.
Jesus loves me and discloses Himself to me.
The triune God is right at home with me.

8. How would your life be different if you truly believed and experienced these truths?
9. What is one area of obedience that you can work on this week to better express your love for Jesus? What help do you need from the Holy Spirit?