

## John 14:1-6 (No More Heart Trouble, Part 1)

### John 13 takes us to a special time in the ministry of Jesus

A) Last hrs with his closest companions – before his arrest & subsequent trial and Crucifixion

B) **John 13-17 no Chapter breaks** – these Chapters take place in that night – mostly in upper room

1) Last hrs / Last words/ last deeds / last prayer

C) The whole section begins in an astonishing way

### Saw in our Study Wed – Upper room – Jesus takes the place of a servant – Washes feet

A) Then He says you need to do to one another as I have done to you. – You wash feet.

B) We saw in our study last Sun am Jesus followed that up by saying – **New Commandment... loved you**

1) Love each other the way Christ loved us

C) As the Chapter continues He reveals that one of them is going to betray him/ **He is leaving them.**

1) All are going to forsake him / Even Peter is going to deny him – 3 times

D) I am sure at this point the disciples are on **emotional over load.**

A) **He is telling them to do something that they really didn't want to do. Love like Him – Humble & Serve**

B) He is telling them something they didn't want to hear – **He was leaving**

C) He is telling them – things that they were having a hard time believing –

1) One of them Betray – All forsake – Peter deny

How could that be

D)– That is **the setting** for the words that follow in Chapter 14

**"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place**

for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also

**Let not your hearts be troubled!**

A) Is it wrong to have a troubled heart – No not wrong -

B) Ch. 13 v.27 we read Jesus troubled in his spirit

1) Ch. 12v. 27 troubled in his soul

**C) Jesus experienced this same emotion – Troubled in his soul troubled in his spirit.**

D) It is **quite natural** to have a troubled heart –

1) The heart speaks of the deepest part of us – beyond the soul – beyond the intellect

**The heart is the deepest part of us – the spiritual part of us – the place where we feel things the most**

A) It is natural to experience this kind of heart trouble

B) But one of the **main pts in the Bible** for the believer is to move us beyond the natural.

1) **Don't be a natural man- don't live in the natural**

C) **It is easy to be natural** – comes naturally – it is easy to get into the flesh

1) There is nothing difficult about that

**But the Bible is constantly challenging us to move from the natural to the Spiritual**

A) To move from the temporal to the eternal perspective on things

B) That is exactly what Jesus does here with the 12

1) It would be natural for their hearts to be freaking out by what He **had done / shared / exhorted**

**C) So Jesus says – Don't let your hearts be troubled – you believe in God believe also in me!** {Spiritual perspective

D) At a time when it would have been quite natural to get caught up in everything that was wrong

1) Caught up in their **own limitations**

2) Caught up in the **impossibility of the demands**

E) Jesus simply says – **Believe in Me** –

1) Believe = to cling to, trust in, rely upon

F) Don't look at the **impossibilities** / don't focus on your **limitations** –

1) Don't get caught up in what **you can't control**

**LOOK TO ME – BELIEVE IN ME !**

**TRUST ME WITH YOUR LIFE!**

**Jesus was asking them to have a spiritual perspective but not just a spiritual perspective – but a Heavenly perspective.**

A) Jesus is saying this is what I want you to trust me for

B) This is the cure for your troubled hearts – Heaven

**2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**

**C) Now what Jesus says here is a direct reference to the rapture of the Church. **Not talking 2<sup>nd</sup> coming****

1) This is describing Rapture: Jesus says I am leaving to go prepare a place for you

**But I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**

D) He is coming again to take us to be where He is!

1) At the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming – He comes to the earth & the Saints are with Him – Sets up Kingdom on earth

**So Here He is talking about the rapture an event – that could happen at any time – 11<sup>th</sup> hour!**

A) The Bible describes the rapture in this way

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**

**16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.**

**B) It is going to happen – The only reason it hasn't – Jesus is waiting for more people to be saved.**

1) Not saved – quit holding us up PLEASE !

**C) 1 Cor 15 Moment twinkling of an eye!**

**Note the last thing that Paul says there – Comfort one another with these words**

**A) Jesus is bringing the same words here – Cure for troubled hearts – Heaven!**

**B) Understanding – I have gone to prepare a place for you – I am going to return receive you....{ Hope**

**Jesus says that there are 2 things that will PUT AN END TO HEART TROUBLE! Cure the troubled heart –**

**A) 1<sup>st</sup> Believe in God / His Son- [ Faithfulness]**

**B) 2<sup>nd</sup> Believe in Heaven**

**C) Last year at this time ABC news reported that 90% nearly 9-10 Americans believe in a literal place called heaven**

**That is an important statistic because imagine what our society would be like if we didn't believe in heaven . . .**

**A) A society which didn't believe in heaven would be **obsessed with youth.****

**B) It would spend hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to look, stay, and feel young **through plastic surgery, diets, and exercise programs.****

**C) A society which didn't believe in heaven would spend billions of dollars on **life support systems** to delay facing an unknown future.**

**In a society which didn't believe in heaven, crime would soar without fear of either eternal judgment or reward.**

The theology of a society which didn't believe in heaven would be based upon the here and now — on health, and prosperity. **Techniques for Success**

**Wait a minute. We are that culture because, although our generation gives lip-service to the **idea** of heaven, we do not live out the **reality** of heaven.**

**So if you are here today—heart is troubled – heart is heavy – Chances are you have lost sight of Heaven**

Colossians 3:1-2

**If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.**

A) Now the word mind in v.2 can also be translated **affections** – Connection

1) What you are fond of – is what you are going to be thinking about!

B) Be fond of the fact that you are going to Heaven!

1) Let that shape the way you live –

C) Let that shape the things that you make your priorities

**D) Paul was challenging them to live with HEAVEN IN VIEW! To think from Heaven's point of view**

E) For the rest of our time today – and next week I want us to consider – some reasons why we should be fond of Heaven – Set affections on heaven

**Today Reason #1 It means that we are not going to Hell.**

A) Note Five things the Bible tells us about Hell.

B) Yes we are going to talk about Hell- Run

1) Church growth experts say don't

C) Rather follow the example of Jesus – talked a lot about Hell – **reason?** – real people go there

1) Not made for men – but men end up there ....

**1) The Bible describes Hell as a place of torment !**

A) We get this picture displayed for us in Luke Ch. 16 story of Lazarus & the rich man { Before Cross

B) **Righteous went to Abe's Bosom –**

1) Unrighteous went to Hades - **Hells holding tank**

C) So The rich man finds himself in Hades before an eternal fire !

D) It was so hot there that he longed for one drop of water for his tongue in hopes of

finding some relief for the anguish he was in !

**Mark 9:48 "the worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."**

A) There is burning but you don't Burn up – Described else where as a place of intense Torment

B) The word used for torment means : *a place of pain, anguish, suffering & agony* / - sounds serious !

C) Doesn't sound like he is playing cards w/ his buddies does it !

1) But so often that is how we hear those in the world talking about Hell

2) "Yea I'll go to hell - skiing on the Lake of fire w/ my buddies / we will open a few cold ones / going to be one big party !"

**2) The Bible teaches us about Hell is it is a place of full memory use !**

A) Lk 16:25 – the rich man is told – "**remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.**

B) In other words it is a place where you are going to be able to remember what your life was like here !

1) Parties / selfishness/ everything

In fact scripture seems to imply that you are going to back on your life here & be reminded of every opportunity you had to receive Christ ! Gift / & refused

A) Those people will throughout eternity be thinking *I don't have to be here I should have listened !*

B) This rich man begged Abe let me go back and warn my family about this place – too late

C) if you are here today & you haven't received Christ / been wrestling w/ that decision / **stop / respond today !**

1) Families members who were saved & have died – would say – *You don't want to miss this* –

D) Those not saved: say *You don't want to end up here*

**3) Thing the Bible tells us about Hell is it will be a place of weeping & gnashing of teeth !  
Matt 13:50**

**A) Gnashing that is a very descriptive word ! Thought of it hurts !**

**B) What mean ? Webster defines nashing as when our teeth meet our teeth & there is constant grinding**

**C) Boy That sounds good ! / But I understand this /**

**1) In this place of constant memory / looking back on every chance you had to receive JC & didn't**

**C) Filled w/ anguish - weeping / and Anger at yourself - Nashing your teeth thinking **I didn't have to be here if I would have just listened crazy Christian****

**4) The Bible tells us that Hell is a place that smells like Burning sulfur. Revelation 9:17**

**A) Webster says concerning sulfur that when it burns it has a stifling odor !**

**B) Stifling is too nice of a word ! Sulfur smells like rotten eggs ! Reeks – Horrid**

**C) So Hell is going to be this place of incredible torment / before an eternal fire**

**1) It is going to stink like rotten eggs / constant weeping & nashing of teeth**

**5) Hell is a place of outer Darkness ! Matthew 8:12**

**A) Now I'm not sure how the Lord is going to do this / where there will be an eternal fire / outer darkness**

**B) Outer darkness speaks of being very dark !**

**1) Some of those rides at Disneyland / can't see hand in front of face !**

**C) So Picture this : Hell is this place of intense heat tormenting heat / so hot a person is longing for just one drop of water**

**D) Place that is completely dark where you can't see anything but you hear constant screaming weeping & Gnashing of teeth !**

**D) Man I am glad that I am not going there ! If I wasn't saved I sure wouldn't want to go there !**

**Now next week we are going to talk a lot more about Heaven – but let me give you a simple contrast**

**A) I can only imagine - Bible says it is way beyond our imagination**

**B) But this is what you can count on! – Heaven is going to agree with us in every way.**

C) **Every color** will be the color that we have always been looking for.

1) The temperature will be just right for everyone

Not some cold / some hot – Just right

D) We live in this world where there is always a degree of disappointment in everything

1) **Even our greatest moments** – Why because what we are really longing for is heaven

E) And when we get there we will find that every fiber of our being is going to be in absolute agreement with what we find there!

**So How can we avoid that place and make sure we are going to heaven?**

A) Question is answered in our text

**4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."**

**5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"**

**B) Now I can picture the disciples sitting there nodding their heads – when Jesus says this**

1) The way you know – Yea – inside their thinking – I have no clue what He is saying {too proud to ask

C) Finally Thomas says – Lord we don't know

1) Don't you just love the Thomas in life

D) **Chemistry class** – everyone is sitting there like they have a clue – but really don't

1) Thomas says – I don't get this at all .....

E) Thankful for Thomas – We get the answer

**6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

**I am the way – Not a way – not going to show you the way – I am the way!**

A) That is narrow – you Christians are so narrow minded

B) Is that really such a bad thing- when talking about your **eternal destiny?**

C) Think of it this way: Huge Storm in Chicago yesterday – **Flights canceled and delayed**

**Now what if you were on a flight coming into Chicago and the Pilot says – been a delay – holding pattern – only runway #9 is open to land – ice**

A)SO we are going to be delayed about 20 minutes as we wait our turn to land

B) But what would you think if after a few minutes the Captain comes back on – Frank & I 25 yrs

1) Thinking why wait so narrow - we can handle ice – going in on runway 12 – get oxygen ready

C) No you want a Pilot to be narrow in that situation

1) Talking about an earthly temporal destination

**Or what if you went to the doctor surgery to get your appendix out – Put you under**

A)After the surgery the doctor comes to visit you and says – during the surgery – thinking kind of narrow to only take out the appendix –

B)You were asleep so we couldn't ask permission – **So we took out everything you had at least 2 of!**

1) Took a kidney / a lung / a rip

C) That is for a temporary fix – physical body that eventually is going to die anyway

1) You want that guy to be narrow

D) **Pharmacist** – Narrow only Blue pills – gives you some pink and yellow ones too

**Do we really have the nerve to look at God who is seeking to fix an eternal problem**

A)Concerned about where you are going to spend eternity – We say – you are too Narrow

B) **Listen the Marvel** is not that there is only one way to be saved. –

1) The marvel is that there is a way at all

C) That is the marvel that there is a way to be forgiven and cleansed and saved

1) **That way is thru JESUS**

D) **And people are only offended by that when they want to stay in their sin**

1) They don't want to hear the word – Hear about sin / repentance and Hell –

**People always ask how can a loving God send people to hell – He doesn't – Not even made for man**

A)People end up there of their own choice by rejecting God's way.

B) There is not a person here God wants to end up in Hell – Sent Christ – save us

## **C) Your Choice**