



John 15:9-27, Lesson#44, Gerald Cumby, Teacher

John 15:9-11, "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

- Jesus deliberately loved His disciples according to the way God the Father **loved** Him.
- We know that Jesus **loved** His disciples by teaching them, protecting them, guiding them, sacrificially serving them—Just LIKE THE FATHER LOVED HIS SON...
 - ✓ **The Father loved the Son with a love:**
 - **That has no beginning.**
 - **That has no end.**
 - **That is close and personal.**
 - **That is without measure.**
 - **That is unchanging.**
- **That My joy may remain in you:**
 - ✓ The **joy** of Jesus that is commonly understood as *happiness* or *excitement* is not the actual meaning here.
 - ✓ The joy of Jesus is being right with our God and consciously and consistently walking in His love and care.
 - ✓ We who know Jesus can have that **joy**. Yes, we can have *His joy*—and have it as an abiding presence.

The Center of Attention should be John 15:5... "Without me you can do nothing!"

- The disciples could do “things/activities” without Jesus...and so can we. However, they could not (nor we) **do anything** of real, eternal value without Jesus.

“You can’t take ‘things’ with you when you exit this world and enter into another.”

Real, eternal value = our loved ones, our legacy of loving Jesus with all our heart and soul, and good memories of “telling the stories of Jesus.”

John 15:12-17, "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another."

- We are sent out into the world to love one another. As we look at this world, we live as if we were sent into the world to compete with one another, or to argue with one another, or even to quarrel with one another. It is a rebuke against the churches.
- Unity instead of rivalry, trust instead of suspicion, obedience instead of self-assertion should rule the disciples' thoughts and actions.
- Jesus repeats this to the disciples and to us because it is important...if not imperative.
- This proof of my love for you I (Jesus) shall give in a few hours; and the doctrine which I proclaim should be your initiative for living.
- Friendship with Jesus can't be disconnected from obedience to His commands.

NOTE: It MUST be active obedience, notice that... "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

- We are in Christ, not because we hold Him, but because He holds us...Yes, we choose to be a follower of Christ...but, the Sovereign God knows who holds to His unchanging hand.
- Jesus chooses disciples so that they would **bear fruit** to the glory of God the Father.

John 5:18-25, "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

- The disciples Jesus spoke to that night would know the hatred of the world. They were persecuted and all of them died as martyrs in Jesus' name, except for John (they tried to kill John and God provided a way of escape).
- Christians through the centuries have known the hatred of the world, and millions have died for Jesus. It still goes on...Satan hates the Son of God and he loves to see Christians killed by the hand of others.
- The hatred of the world, instead of being depressing, should be somewhat exhilarating, as being an evidence and a guarantee that they (and we) have been chosen by Christ.
- Jesus did **among them the works and miracles which no one else did**, and they still hated and rejected Him.
- **"They hated Me without a cause"**: Jesus quoted this line from [Psalm 69:4](#) (and possibly [Psalm 35:19](#)) to show the prophetic fulfillment that

there was no just **cause** for the world to hate Jesus and His Father as they did.

- **They have no excuse for their sin.**

John 15:26-27, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”

- ***The departing Jesus knew the disciples would need the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit to face the hatred the world would bring.*** NOTE: Jesus previously spoke of the sending of the Helper ([John 14:16, 14:26](#)).
- ***He will testify of Me:*** Jesus had told them that the Helper, the Holy Spirit, would continue the teaching work of Jesus ([John 14:26](#)). Here He explained that the Helper would speak of and about Jesus.

God the Holy Spirit has many roles. The Holy Spirit lifts up Christ ([John 15:26](#)). The Spirit helps us pray ([Romans 8:26-27](#)). He gives us new life ([John 3:3-6](#)). He is our Comforter, and he helps us understand God's word ([John 14:26](#)). He convicts us of sin ([John 16:7-11](#)). He helps us to live holy lives ([Romans 15:16](#)). He gives us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)). He helps us share our faith ([Acts 1:8](#)). He baptizes us with power and a sound mind for understanding life and Scriptures ([Luke 11:13, Acts 2:4, Romans 8:26-27](#)). **And he lives inside us ([Romans 8:11](#))**

The Holy Spirit...according to John, helps us to understand that the Spirit of God dwells in us. (Holy Spirit is the liaison between God and man).

1 John 3:24b, “...and this is how we know that He lives in us; we know it by the Spirit he gave us.”

The Holy Spirit, The Helper:

John 14:16, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—”

John 14:26, “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

- Bible commentary used as study guide and some quotes:
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