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I Am in My Father and You in Me and I in You.

(John 14:20-24)

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- **John 14:20:** In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

The words, "In that day you will know that I am in my Father and you in me, and I in you." Refers to the day Jesus appeared to the apostles after his death and resurrection.

- Jesus said, "His disciples are in him."

No one actually believes that this means a believer becomes Jesus and Jesus becomes a believer, this is obvious foolishness to everyone, yet that is exactly what many believe about God the Father and Jesus the Son when the same language is used regarding Him and His Son. Rather the words, "The disciples are in Jesus" carry the idea that believers fully embrace all that Jesus is in character, mind, purpose and love, likewise Jesus words:

- I am in my Father.

Does not mean Jesus is the Father (as many believe), but that he completely embraces all that the Father is in character, mind, purpose and love similarly the term, "Jesus is in the disciples" cannot mean Jesus is the disciples, but that Jesus embraces all that the disciples are in character, mind, purpose and love, thus; Jesus words:

- I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Simply mean that the Father, Jesus and those who belong to him are united together in unity, purpose and love and have totally invested their life in each other.

- Jesus said, "You in me and I in you."

This means, "The faithful are in Jesus," obviously this does not make them Jesus no one has trouble accepting that this relationship we have with the Son does not make us Jesus, no one makes the assumption that because the Bible says, "Believers are in Jesus" that it makes them Jesus. Yet when the Bible says, that "Jesus is in God," the assumption is made that it means Jesus is God, but this is reading into the verse a preconceived idea, and not understanding what these verses are teaching.

NOTICE: Jesus said, "We will come to him" this is plural it is two people (the Father and the Son) coming to the faithful, not one person.

Jesus constantly refers to himself and his Father throughout these verses, the Bible is very simple if people would only believe what Jesus the Son of God says about himself and not try to mystify and confuse his words, especially since Christ never claims to be God or to be God the Son (he always calls himself the Son of God and never God or God the Son). The words, "You in me and I in you" carries the idea that a person entirely embraces another person and accepts all that they are and do, both will do everything they are able to do to benefit each other because both have the same purpose and embrace the same plans and goals it means that they are both completely devoted to each other in purpose, mind, unity and love.

These words of Jesus clearly show that simply confessing that one believes in Christ does necessarily mean that they love him, i.e., a person confessing to have faith in Christ, but who lives contrary to the fruits of the Spirit is according to these words of Jesus deceiving themselves and everyone else who believes that what they are saying is true. Loving Christ is outwardly evidenced by behaviour that is in accordance to the

commandments of Christ and of God and a lifestyle that brings a good testimony to God and the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Doing what pleases the one that is loved and what they desire outwardly manifests a person's love for that person, if there is no action to please the one loved then love is a fantasy and an illusion of the mind because for love to be real there must be action; thus doing the commandments of Christ is an outward manifestation of God's love dwelling in the human heart. If a husband verbally praises his wife and constantly tells her he loves her while he is having an affair with another woman he is not only deceiving himself, but his wife as well since true love does no harm to another person (Rom 13:10) 1 Cor. 13:2-7) (1 John 4:8).

NOTE: this does not mean that those who belong to Christ will live a perfect life or never offend anyone, but it does mean that their primary desire and consciousness in life is to be a good testimony to God and to Christ's name.

THOSE WHO LOVE JESUS WILL BE LOVED BY THE FATHER

- **John 14:21-24:** Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?”²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

The love of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ dwells in the heart of the faithful and the love of the faithful dwells in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is by love that God the Father is in Christ and Christ is in Him and it is by the same love that God and Christ dwell in the believer and the believer dwells in them. Jesus words I will manifest myself to those who keep his commandments can be understood in the following two ways:

1. The faithful will be given wisdom, insight and understanding of his word and his ways.
2. Through his love Christ will spiritually manifest himself to the faithful.
3. On that glorious day when he returns to gather the faithful, he will literally manifest himself to them and say, “Well done, good and faithful servant” and they will dwell with him in eternal glory for all eternity. (Matt 25:21) (Matt 25) (Luke 19:17).

Notice the following two things:

- Whoever loves Jesus and follows his ways is not only loved by Christ, but also loved by God his heavenly Father.
- Jesus said, “Our home.” This is plural meaning both God the Father and His Son will dwell in the heart of the faithful by the Spirit and by love, and will dwell with them in eternity.

At this present time Jesus and God the Father make their home with the believer by loving them, they fill their heart with their unconditional and abundant love, ultimately there will be a literal fulfillment of Jesus words when he returns and when God Himself descends to earth at the end of Christ's millennial Kingdom age on earth.

LOVE DWELLING IN THE HUMAN HEART

The following is a true story and good example of a person being in the heart of another. An eight-year old girl who had a severe disability was doing her first live stage show for her school, her best friend was her

mother. The mother loved her daughter, but sadly could not be at the opening show as she was in hospital with terminal cancer. A television reporter asked the young daughter if she would be sad and miss her mother at the opening of the show, the young girl with tears in her eyes said, "Yes I will miss her, but she will be in my heart where she belongs." Love for a person creates the reality and presence of that person in the human heart (the stronger the love the greater the presence).

John wrote:

- Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love (1 John 4:8).
- God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in them (1 John 4:16).

UNDERSTANDING CHRIST'S COMMANDMENTS

The spirit behind the law is love because each law protects another human from harm. In the book of Romans Paul states:

- Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:10).

The spirit of the law is to protect the innocent from physical, financial, sexual, verbal and emotional and spiritual harm, thus those who know God aim to keep the Law because it is the right and loving thing to do. It fulfils the Ten Commandments regarding man, and the Royal Law:

- Love your neighbour as yourself (Mark 12:31) (Jas 2:8).

It pleases God and brings a good testimony to His name and the name of Jesus and the Christian faith. Those who belong to Christ aim to keep the law not to get saved, but because they are saved. They understand that righteousness is a free gift of God that comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and cannot be earned by self-effort. Though the law is splendid as a guide to understanding God's will, as a means of reunion with God, the God we have sinned against, it is a hopeless failure nevertheless both law and grace go together, the law without the Gospel is diagnosis without remedy, but the Gospel without law is only the Good News of salvation for people who don't believe they need it because they have never heard the bad news of judgment, the law is not the Gospel, but the Gospel is not lawless (Rom. 3:19-20) (Eph. 2:13-22).

MICAH, ISAIAH AND JEREMIAH

- Micah wrote: "What the LORD requires of mankind is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:5-10).
- Isaiah says: "The LORD loves justice, hates robbery and wrong doing" (Isaiah 61:8).
- Jeremiah said: "Those who know God practise steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, because it is in these things that God delights" (Jer. 9:24).

The great prophets Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah clearly show us that the people the LORD loves are not only those who acknowledge God, but who also uphold justice, do not lie, deceive or make promises they do not intend to keep, but speak the truth, do what is right, show respect and give help to others when able and make choices that lead to peace. These are the things the LORD delights in and that bring His favour.

JESUS FAMOUS SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The constant theme throughout Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount is doing what is right before God by seeking the way of peace in all situations. Jesus calls Christians to treat people fairly and with respect, dignity, decency grace compassion, kindness, mercy and to be quick to forgive. Thus, living a life that honours God and the Lord Jesus Christ is about doing all we can do to protect people from harm and being dominated by the thought:

- What action can I take or do that will help and encourage this person.

It is all about doing right to others, thus the reason the message Jesus spoke on the mountain is referred to as, "The Famous Sermon" because the principals if followed not only by Christians but all humanity are the only way to peace. These are the things that delight the heart of God. A wicked person is primarily one who deliberately and consciously denies the existence of God and does harm to other humans.

For further information on Jesus Famous Sermon see:

- Matthew 5 in Commentary New Testament (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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