



Message in Brief!
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John 14:15-21 New International Version (NIV)

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Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15 “If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[a] in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them

Jesus is preparing his disciples for living after he has returned to His Father. He starts this passage with - ‘If you love me’!!! rather in your face?! Yes! but the point Jesus makes - When you love me, you will keep the covenant relationship - live in love of me, my father, and each other. The relationship of Father to Son, Son to us, us to Father, are all interconnected, and the proof of relationship is that our lives will show the love relationship, and by this the world will see the Father, see the Son, and all will evidence the power of the Spirit in being comforter, counselor, and advocate. Jesus advocates for us, and we advocate for each other, proof of the Agape (strongest kind of love) love of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and all God’s children.

The spirit of the Lord is contagious! May we be contagious with the advocating love of God through Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit!

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