

What should security in the Father's love do in me?

"...that they all may be one; ...that they may be perfected in unity..."

John 17:21&23

Read: John 13:21-22, John 13:36-38, John 16:25-33

1. John 13:37 & 38 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me?"
2. John 16:31 " ...by this we believe that You came from God. Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"
3. The disciples expressed a willingness to lay down their life and had done so to a great degree up to this point. They also confessed a belief that Jesus was who He said He was.
4. John 14:10 – What was different about Jesus' life in this verse when comparing Him to the disciples?
5. John 14:19 – What is the significance of this statement to the disciples and to us? "...Because I live, you also will live."

"Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" John 21:16

Read: John 14:16-31

1. What is the proof that I love Jesus according to John 14:23-24? What is the proof that Jesus loved His Father according to John 14:31?

Read: John 16:29-33

1. What was the result of this love for Jesus in His trial, under pressure? AND what type of life should we expect to grow into if we share a true love for Jesus and grow in security like Him?

Read: Romans 3:23, John 1:14, John 17:21-22 & John 14:26

1. Glory: the manifested perfection of His character, especially His righteousness, of which all men fall short. Romans 3:23
2. Jesus spoke of a glory (see John 1:14) He has given us John 17:21-22. What does it mean to you to be one with Jesus and the Father and also one with your brothers and sisters? How important is the Holy Spirit in making this a reality in our life when pressures and temptations come John 14:26?
3. In John 13:35 & 17:23, Jesus says this unity shows the world that a person is His disciple and that God loves us just as He loved Jesus. We sometimes have heard in evangelism that "God loves you". Jesus said here that the world should see that He loves His children by them being "brought to complete unity" (NIV). How does this happen practically in our lives and what does "complete unity" look like and why is it such a powerful testimony to the world?
4. What elements are present in true Christian unity that are not present in other examples of unity we see in the world?

Any concluding comments on our study of Knowing the Father?

Sunday's Study: Knowing Jesus: The Righteous Judge

- John 5:22-31,
- 2 Peter 2, Jude 14-25
- Revelation 21:5-9, 11:15-19, 16:4-7, 20:11-15