

God's "Love Language": Our Obedience
John 14:15-24

Our obedience proves our love for God. (15)

15 Condition: If we love Jesus = keeping His commandments, 15:14, I Jn. 5:3. What commands? Serve /love in 13:14,34,35, 15:16,17

16-20 Promises: Four things the disciples can count on happening...

- 1) Coming of Holy Spirit (later in 14:25,26, 15:26, 16:13-15)
- 2) Return of Jesus (at resurrection)
- 3) Future life because of Jesus' coming resurrection (Rom. 6:5)
- 4) Clearer grasp of Jesus' connection with the Father

*Note the Spirit is *another helper*, (thus Jesus was such and is later called such in I Jn. 2:1. We clearly see the triune God here!

Our obedience proves our love plus God discloses Himself. (21)

21 Condition: Love for Jesus requirement is repeated with a promise for fulfillment—love by Jesus / Father plus divine disclosure that is very private and not public . . . which puzzles the disciples.

Problem: Doesn't this sound backwards? Isn't God's love first?
Consider 15:3,16, I Jn. 4:10, Eph. 1:4-6, 2:4

Consider love / obedience: 15:14, 16:27, 21:15-17, I Jn. 3:18, 5:3,
and see Jesus relating to the Father in 10:17, 15:10.

22 Question: Judas (not Iscariot) can't understand a regulated disclosure that excludes the world. What were they still expecting?

Our obedience proves our love plus God is at home in us. (23)

23-24 Condition: A repeat of 21 plus put negatively. Two *dwelling places* now, recall 14:2. See Rev. 3:20, Eph. 3:14-19 for a similar notion. Note they already *keep your Word* (17:6) to a degree just as they already *know* and *believe* to a degree, but the issue is again encouraging it to a greater / deeper degree.