# Love’s Promises

*John 14:7-14*

**Background:**

* Upper Room Discourse—John 13-16
* No other Gospel writer records this event except John.
* In it, He gives them the most magnificent list of commands, warnings, promises, and commitments ever given.
* It is Thursday night before Christ is sacrificed as THE sacrificial Lamb the next day—on Friday.
* Final meeting together.
* It is His final will and testament to His disciples—to all believers.
* His disciples are confused and shocked; Jesus is leaving without them.
* Love Him; love each other humbly.

**John 17:20—“**I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word”

**John 13:1**—*…, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. (emphasis mine)*

**John 13:35—**By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

3 Incredible Truths Jesus Shares with His Disciples

I. **A Clearer** **Revelation of His Person, vv7-11**

**v. 7**—If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.”

A. The exact representation of God

**Heb 1:3**—And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

 B. Their understanding of Christ was accurate but not complete.

C. Their understanding of the Trinity was lacking, but “from now on, you know Him”—IOW, it will grow.

D. They need to go from Sight to Faith—Believe

**v, 10**—Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

**v. 11**—Believe Me that I am in the Father a8un

nd the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

**v. 12**—Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

**II. A Greater Expression of His Power, v. 12**

12Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

A. To The Apostles—Miraculous Power greater in Extent, not in Kind.

**2 Cor 12:12**—The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

**Hebrews 2:4**—God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

B. Prior to the writing of the New Testament, God validated His work and people by miracles (cf Acts).

C. The giving of the Comforter

**Acts 1:8**—but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

**III. An Incomparable Opportunity at His Providing, v.13-14**

13Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14*If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. (emphasis mine)*

A. Meaning: Asking consistent with His identity, consistent with His will. As if you’re standing in His place.

**1 John 5:14**—This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

**Matt 6:9-10**—‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

B. The whole Trinity is working to provide whatever you need—according to His will.

**Luke 17:5**—The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”