

Last Will and Testament

John 13:33-34; 14-16

1. Hope of Heaven - John 14:1-3

Precept: Heaven is a permanent and physical connection with Jesus in a place called the New Jerusalem that God will deliver from heaven.

2. Guarantee of Power - John 14:11-14

Precept: When the people of God put the things in the heart of God first; God's power goes before them, it empowers them and God does things that are beyond our ability and understanding.

3. The Indwelling Spirit - John 14:16-17; 16:7-11

He will convict the world concerning sin and unbelief
He will convict the world concerning righteousness and Jesus' purity
He will convict the world concerning judgment and Satan

Precept: All salvation has a starting point; conviction of our sinfulness and the certainty of Jesus' righteousness, that can be ours.

4. Possession of Truth - John 14:17; 16:12-13; 1 John 2:20-21

Precept: Jesus gives each believer a spiritual map so we know the way of God. Jesus gives each believer the truth by the Word of God and those who have learned its precepts by obedience. Jesus gives each believer life by the Holy Spirit who provides the spiritual strength to follow and know the mind of the Lord.

5. Promise of Peace - John 14:27; 16:33

Precept: What does this gift provide for all who are in Christ? (Romans 8:31-39) Paul summarizes this in Philippians 4:7.

6. The Spirit's Fruit - John 15:5, 16

Precept: Spiritual fruit is the Spirit's gift to us as we live in the Body of Christ and it is our gift to God and the Body of Christ as we surrender our lives to him.

7. Pain of Persecution - John 15:18-25; 16:1-4

Precept: Romans 12:17-21 - We do not have the option of returning evil for evil (Proverbs 15:1; Psalm 109:3-5); we do not have the option of doing nothing; our only option is to return good for evil (Romans 12:20-21).

Conclusion: This is our inheritance and it all rests on the promise of Jesus in John 14:18-19.

When Jesus loves us he will go to great lengths to comfort us (14); to admonish us (15); to insure our future (16); and to pray for us (17).

Why — We are loved (John 13:1-11) and our joy is all in Him (John 15:11; 16:20-22).