

Aiming for Joy

John 14:27-31

Introduction: The Covenant of Redemption

The Cross: Two Views

Man's view of the Cross - Galatians

God's view of the Cross - John 14:28

The Security of Peace - (vs. 27) - Jesus will not control my circumstances so I feel safe and secure, rather Jesus has a peace that can control my heart no matter how challenging my circumstances become.

Precept: John 16:33 - Jesus assures us that peace is a heart issue.

The Immensity of Joy - (vs. 28) - "The Father is greater than I". Jesus means at least two things, first, that in his incarnation and humiliation he stepped down to submit to the Father's will. Second, Jesus' place is at the right hand of the Father.

Precept: All real joy flows from God's joy in the Son and the Son's joy in the Father. (Hebrews 12:2)

The Power of Belief - (vs. 29)

Precept: Faith is total reliance on God, such that I consign myself to his will and see it as the will of God for me at that moment.

Conclusion:

1. Jesus blesses them with inside knowledge so that when it takes place they will know that he is and always was and always will be in charge of circumstances.
2. Jesus says 'follow me so I can make all of this possible' - "let's go"! (31). (Hebrews 12:1-2) The Father and the Son are inviting us into their eternal joy—will you come (28)?
3. Finally, Jesus gives his men peace where it matters the most. He gives them peace that rules their hearts and minds.