

## Power & Deity John 14:1-14

John 13:34-35 - Three questions:

First, "My little children"? (1 John 2:1, 12, 28; 3:7, 18; 4:4; 5:21) Galatians 4:19

Second, New Commandment? (Leviticus 19:33-34)

Third, Loving, like Jesus, identifies us as a disciple? (John 15)

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**Introduction:** Three reasons not be troubled; three reasons to be encouraged. First, I have a place for you; second, I am enough for you and third, I have a gift for you.

1. I have a place for you - (John 12:44; 14:1-3a) - First, it means that what had to be done to open the doors of God's heaven had not yet been done. Second, Heaven is that place where Jesus dwells.

2. I am enough for you - (3b-11) In verse three Jesus shifts the conversation from a place to a person; from heaven to himself.

**The Invisible God** - John 1:18; 6:46; Exodus 33:11-23; Numbers 12:7-8; Genesis 1:27; Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:15, 19; 1 John 1:1-3; John 14:9 - STOP being so troubled!

Heaven is always a person first and a place second. It has been prepared for our entrance by Jesus who opened the door to eternal life (John 10:7).

3. I have a gift for you - (12-14) - Jesus is not first or primarily speaking of doing miracles, he is speaking of great acts of service; as he was about to do at the cross (Acts 1:8).

**Conclusion:** A Place - Heaven is a place that was prepared long ago. Jesus did not leave (John 14:1-4) this earth to prepare heaven; he left his disciples and went to the cross so that the door to heaven could be opened to all who repent and believe.

A Person - In the same way that the Father was The Way, The Truth and The Life of Israel, so Jesus is claiming that he is The Way, The Truth, and The Life for all who believe, both Jew and Gentile. They are one. (A symbolic reference to the Jewish wedding)

A Gift - Holy Spirit - Without this gift it would never have happened; we would never go.