

## **Foundation of the sermon**

### ***Purpose***

To teach us to have confidence and believe in Jesus.

### ***Principle Idea:***

Belief should not stop with salvation, we must have confidence (believe) that Jesus is preparing our place now in anticipation of the future.

### ***Type of Outline***

Expository based on John 14:1-14

### ***Main idea of the Bible book where the text is found:***

John is presenting Jesus as the Son of God. His main purpose is so that we might believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that we might have eternal life.

This passage is located in the portion of the book of John dealing with the last Passover of Christ's life. He has just shown them that they will all fail Him. Now He comforts them telling them to believe Him for there is a future in the Christian Life

## **I. Introduction**

Belief should not stop with salvation, we must have confidence (believe) that Jesus is preparing our place now in anticipation of the future.

When I was a young man. I had a hard time determining what I wanted to do with my life. A man came to our school and told us about the "Wonderful world of electronics." He painted a rosy picture of making lots of money, of having fulfillment in a meaningful career. He was painting a portrait of the future. Of those that attended that day, only I chose to catch his vision of the future and decided to pursue the life in "the wonderful world of electronics."

On the last night of His earthly life Jesus paints for His disciples a vision of the future. He doesn't describe the kingdom of God in detail but He sketches a picture of assurance that this "world" or age is not all there is. He demonstrates that Christianity is a career of belief and action. He wants you to make a commitment to pursue life in the Kingdom.

This is the theme of today's passage. It is found in:

John 14:1-14

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

## **II. Body**

### **A. Believe (Trust) in Jesus when you have a troubled heart. (John 14:1-6)**

1. Assurance of a future dwelling place (abode) is available if we trust Jesus (2).
2. Jesus went to prepare this abode for us, so we could be with Him, He then assured us He would be doing this. (3).
3. Jesus went to the Father, therefore we should have assurance in Him. (4)
4. You must trust in Jesus because He is the only way, truth and life. (5-6)

### **B. Come to know Jesus and you will know the Father (7-9)**

1. Knowledge (Relationship) with the Father comes from knowing and having a relationship with Jesus (7)
2. Seeing (Perceiving) the things of the Father only come through the knowledge of Christ. (8-9)

### **C. To believe in Jesus, You must believe what He says. (11-14)**

1. Jesus says: I am in the Father and the Father is in me. (John 14:11). In John 17:23 Jesus expands this idea to include the fact that He (Jesus Himself) is dwelling in us, and that we dwell in Him. Just as He said in verse 2 of this chapter He is preparing this abode or dwelling with and in us.
2. Believing Jesus, produces works in the believer (John 14:11b-13)
3. Believing Jesus produces results in prayer. (13-14)

## **III. Conclusion**

Belief in Jesus does not stop at the foot of the cross. It is a continuing part of the Christians life. On the last night of His life Jesus wanted to instill in His disciples, belief, trust, and understanding. These were the only things that could really comfort them in the troubled times in which they found themselves. Are you having troubled times? Relax and just believe, and trust in Him. You say you want to know what is truth (doctrine)? Just build your relationship with Jesus, for He is the truth. You want to be a powerful witness, and be a prayer warrior? Jesus believe what Jesus said and did. Jesus offers you these assurances every day, including this one.

Belief is not a one time event. Belief produces saved actions. Belief requires a life time. It is a pearl of great price, something you would sell everything else for to have it in your possession. It is an assurance that Jesus is preparing your place in eternity, in the Kingdom. We should rid ourselves of

doubt, seek that relationship that produces assurance, because we believe in God and His savior Jesus Christ.

Title: Trust in Christ.