

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

John 14:1-31

Jesus Comforts His Disciples About Their Future 14:1-3

Looking into the fearful faces of the men He loved, Jesus prepared them for life after the cross. The disciples would be sustained in coming trials by trusting God the Father and God the Son. Jesus' promise of heaven would protect the disciples from the temptation to feel forgotten.

To be _____ by Jesus, we must _____ in Him and His promises.

Jesus Teaches His Disciples About His Identity 14:4-11

Jesus' teachings weren't fully understood until His resurrection and the advent of the Spirit. Jesus is the only way to God. He is the revelation of the Father and the source of eternal life. The character, words, and works of Jesus prove that to know Him is to know God.

To _____ Jesus, we must _____ He is God.

Jesus Encourages His Disciples About Their Purpose 14:12-26

The Spirit would come, the church would be born, and the disciples would witness to the world. Jesus promised the power of prayer, the Spirit's help, and His presence to achieve great works. The relationship between Jesus and His disciples would continue to be defined by love.

To be _____ by Jesus, we must _____ in His love and obey His commands.

Jesus Strengthens His Disciples with the Promise of Peace 14:27-31

The peace Jesus gives comes through His defeat of man's greatest foes: sin, death, and Satan. Believers possess a supernatural strength during trials because we have Jesus' peace. As the humble Son, Jesus submitted Himself to the greater authority of His Father.

To be _____ by Jesus, we must _____ we don't face our trials alone.

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ISAIAH 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

JOHN 1:18

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

1 JOHN 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

EPHESIANS 1:13-14

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

Have this in mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

MATTHEW 11:28-29

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."