

John 14:1-6 “Comfort through the Savior”

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.*

I) Eternal life only exists through Jesus Christ

A) *“I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6a).*

- 1) Jesus is the only way to eternal salvation in heaven.
- 2) Jesus has the only truth about eternal salvation.
- 3) Jesus is the only One who would conquer death and is able to give eternal life.

“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live” (John 11:25).

B) *“no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6b).*

- 1) Only through faith in Jesus Christ can one have an eternal home in heaven.

II) We know where God exists, and the way to Him

A) *“And whither I go ye know” (John 14:4a).*

- 1) Jesus, who came from heaven, was now going to return to heaven.

“(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)” (Ephesians 4:9-10).

B) *“and the way ye know” (John 14:4b).*

- 1) Jesus came from heaven to become the sacrifice for our sins, and faith through Him is the way to eternal life.

“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” (1st John 5:12-13).

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III) Believers have a place prepared for them in heaven

A) *“In my Father's house are many mansions” (John 14:2a).*

- 1) Heaven is filled with mansions for the believers of Christ.
- 2) Alongside these mansions are:
 - (i) The streets of pure gold – *“and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass” (Revelation 21:21).*
 - (ii) The river of living water – *“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal” (Revelation 22:1).*
 - (iii) The tree of life – *“was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits” (Revelation 22:2).*
 - (iv) The throne of God – *“but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him” (Revelation 22:3).*

B) *“if it were not so, I would have told you” (John 14:2b).*

- 1) God's promises are always true. God cannot lie. Therefore, the saints have a promised home in heaven.

“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2).

C) *“I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2c).*

- 1) Jesus signified through His death, burial, and resurrection, the free gift of eternal life is now available to him who believes.

“After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.” (Hosea 6:2).

IV) Believers are promised that Christ will return for them

A) *“And if I go and prepare a place for you” (John 14:3a).*

- 1) God re-affirms His promise, and introduces his next promise to the believer.

B) *“I will come again, and receive you unto myself” (John 14:3b).*

- 1) God's promise of His return (the rapture) to gather His believers to Himself for eternity.

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” (1st Thessalonians 4:16-17).

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“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (1st Corinthians 15:52).

C) “that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:3c).

1) The believer will forever be in the presence of God.

“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.” (Revelation 21:3).

V) Believers have comfort from the Savior to know they are forever His

A) “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.” (John 14:1).

1) Death has no power over the believer.

“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1st Corinthians 15:55-57).

2) Loved ones who believed in Christ are safe in Him

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” (1st Thessalonians 4:13-14).

3) The believer will be forever changed

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Revelation 21:4).

4) God offers believers comfort through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:26).

“Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” (1st Thessalonians 4:18).