

The Gospel of John

PART 24

John 14—Unconditional Love, With Conditions



JOHN 14

1

GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE IS CONDITIONAL.

VS 15
"If you love me, obey my commands."

VS 21
"Those who accept and obey my commands are the ones who love me."

VV 23-24
"All who love me will do what I say... Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me."

Jesus still demands that those who claim to love him demonstrate their love not just in word but in action; namely, in obedience to his commands —

Both his ethical teachings and the entire revelation of Scripture.

THE FACT THAT LOVE CALLS FOR *proof* IN NO WAY DIMINISHES THE DOCTRINE OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. *It merely clarifies what “unconditional” means.*

To love **unconditionally** means the love we have and express toward another is not dependent upon their worth or the work. Rather, that love flows from the core of our being.



Love is more than a noun; it is a **verb**. Love is a subject, but a subject needs an object and a verb to tell the full story of what love is.

What love is cannot be told without showing what love does.

"Whoever loves much, does much."

THOMAS A' KEMPIS

JOHN 14

2

GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL
LOVE IS CAUSAL.

VS 16

*"If you love me
by doing what I
say, then I will
give you another
Advocate."*

VS 21

*"If you obey me
then my Father
and I will love you
and I will reveal
myself to you."*

VS 23

*"If you love me
then my Father
and I will come
and make our
home with you."*

THE CAUSE & EFFECT OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE *with conditions*


A supernatural Helper. VS 16

A supernatural relationship. VS 17 & 23

A supernatural revelation. VS 21

A supernatural guidance. VS 26

A supernatural peace. VS 27



Christ's Promise

for my obedience

JOHN 14:12

"You will do even greater things than these."

JOHN 14:13-14

"I will give you whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

JOHN 14:23

"My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them."

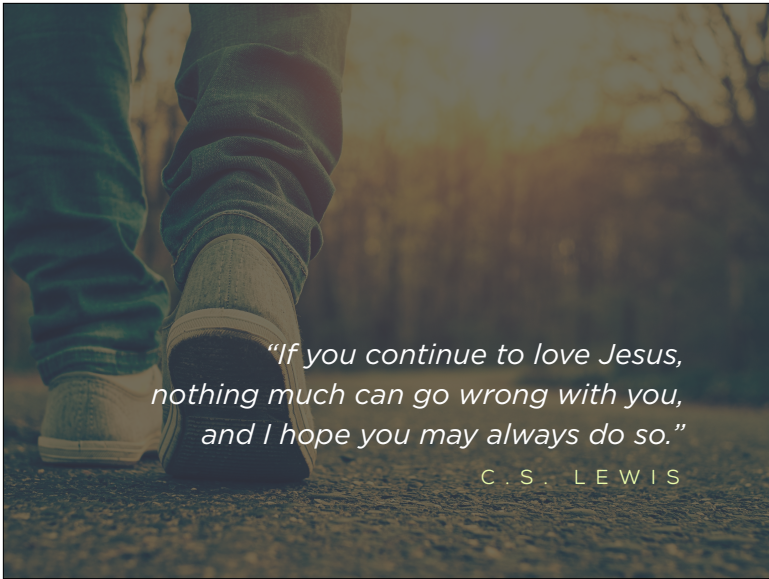


THE PASTOR'S *plea*

MAKE IT YOUR LIFE'S AMBITION TO
OUTDO THE LOVE GOD HAS FOR YOU
BY YOUR LOVE FOR HIM.

"With thee, O my God, there is no disappointment; I shall never have to regret that I loved thee too well."

HENRY MARTYN



*"If you continue to love Jesus,
nothing much can go wrong with you,
and I hope you may always do so."*

C. S. LEWIS

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