

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Take Comfort In Christ

Introduction:

1. Do you ever have trouble with doubt and discouragement?
2. Does the world seem to be too difficult to handle?
3. We need to take a good look into some of the most comforting words of Jesus.
4. Keep in mind that these words were offered to His disciples when they experienced doubt, discouragement, despair, and difficulty.

Discussion:

I. The Plea of Christ (John 14:1)

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”

II. The Preparation of Christ (John 14:2)

“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.”

III. The Promise of Christ (John 14:3-4)

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

IV. The Provision of Christ (John 14:5-6)

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

V. The Position of Christ (John 14:7)

“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

VI. The Presence of Christ (John 14:8-10)

Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, *“Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.”*

VII. The Power of Christ (John 14:11)

“Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.”

Conclusion:

1. The most important thing to remember is that God loves us!
2. He has promised never to leave us alone.
3. Are you struggling with doubt, discouragement, despair, and difficulty?
4. Take Jesus' words into your heart.
5. Believe that He will take care of you!