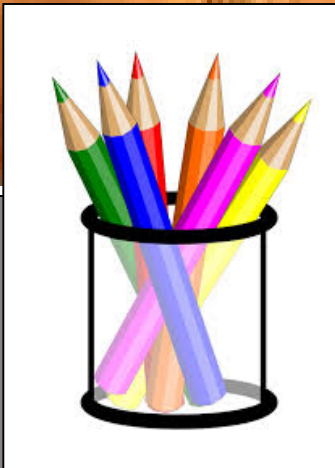


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***Jesus Christ***



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## Introduction

Jesus gathered His disciples about Him the night before His crucifixion for a last farewell. He was concerned for them because they had been with Him three years and He taught them many things. He had always been with them and now He was going away. He knew they would miss Him. They would be lonely and scared, not knowing what to do. He wanted them to know that He loved them and this was no ordinary legacy He was leaving them...that He would be with them always and was bequeathing to them His Resources, His Power, and His Love. This included all future believers as well. (John, chapters 13 thru 17)

### He Taught Us By Example

Jesus had come to show man what God was like...to make the Father known, so now Jesus wants to share with His disciples that He is giving them the responsibility to tell the world about Him.

Jesus came as a servant to show us, by example, what it means to be humble before God...to consider another's interest above our own. Every day of Jesus' life He put the interest of others before His own.

## **A Lesson In Humility**

Jesus arose from supper and began to wash His disciple's feet. When He sat down again, He asked, "Do you understand what I am doing?" "You call me Master and Lord...this is true, and since I, your Master and Teacher washed your feet, you ought also to wash each other's feet." "I have given you an example to follow, do as I have done to you."

## **Conformed To His Likeness**

As we allow the Holy Spirit to conform us to His likeness, we truly experience His Humility. He puts in our minds and hearts the desire to consider the needs of others. The Holy Spirit enables us to seek His wisdom and His authority. We begin to put aside frustrations and disappointments, because our minds are not cluttered with earthly things. We are not looking for self-gratification or praise. Instead, there is an abiding peace in our hearts, even when troubling times are all around us.

## **A New Commandment**

Jesus said, "I bequeath to you, My Love...A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: as I have loved you." "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

Jesus set a new standard of sacrifice, in that; He loved us so much that He was willing to die on the cross that we might live. As His love permeates our lives, we begin to see others and He sees them, through the eyes of love. Only then can we share the joys and sorrows of others and help their times of need.

## **A New Home**

Jesus also said, "I give My heirs, My Heavenly home. I go to prepare a place for you"... a place of glad reunions where there will be no separation from God.

## **A New Name**

Jesus ascended into Heaven, unto the Father, as the victor over sin and death and received a name, which was above every name. All that Jesus is and has; all the resources of heaven and earth are made available to us in the privileged use of His name. It is just as if He gave us a signed blank check, expecting us to fill in the amount to cover our needs. His resources have been made ready for us to draw upon, as we need them.

Jesus said, “Whatsoever you ye ask in My Name, that will I will do...if it is asked in faith and is according to My will.

## **A New Peace**

Jesus said, “I give you My peace” ... A peace of mind and heart that has been tried and tested. It is a peace that proved itself in all that Jesus suffered. Such peace can never be inadequate to our personal needs.

## **A New Life**

Jesus said, “My life I give to you. I am the Vine and you are the branches.” The branches and the Vine live wholly for each other. The branches depend on the Vine for everything. It has no reason for existing but to proclaim the excellency of the Vine. The Vine lives for the branches that are dependant upon it.

Jesus said, “Abide in Me and I in you, for apart from Me, you can do nothing.” To abide in Christ is to live in dependence upon Him, recognizing it is His life, His wisdom, His resources, His strength and His ability operating through you, which enables you to live according to His will.

**“If any man serve me, let  
him follow me.”  
John 12:26**

## **A New Destiny**

Christ wants to live His life through us by the power of His Holy Spirit. The Christian life is a great adventure with purpose and power if lived in the power of His Spirit.

Jesus said, “ I have come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

## **I Give You My Joy**

Jesus was a man acquainted with grief yet with a joy welling up in His soul through it all. This joy, tried and proven, is ours for the asking. It was in the close intimacy with His Heavenly Father, where He enjoyed His love, was kept walking in His perfect will, rejoiced in the consciousness that His Father, dwelling in Him, was speaking His words and doing His works through Him that gave Jesus such joy. Thus were the hidden springs of our Lord’s earthy life...the fountain from which His Spirit was sustained with an unflinching Joy. Our Lord is bequeathing to us a relationship with Himself corresponding to the relationship that He enjoyed with the Father.

## **My Spirit I Give To You**

Jesus will be your Comforter and your strengthener. He will guide and direct you into all truth. He will energize the power you will need to live the Christian life, enjoying and experiencing all that He bequeathed.

## **Claim My Victory**

Jesus’ victory over sin is yours. Jesus resisted the devil in His humanity. He did so using Scripture, Prayer, Total Dedication To God’s Will and the power of the Holy Spirit. As we abide in Him, His victory is ours.

# His Prayer

## (John Chapter 17)

Jesus prayed to the Father to keep those that God had given into His care from Satan's power, pure and holy through teaching them the words of truth...that they should live a life separated from the world unto God.

The inheritance that Jesus offers is a daily walk withy Him through His Spirit that takes His rightful place in our hearts. His resides with in us to guide and direct us, to love and comfort us, to be our friend and teacher, that no matter what happens in life, it is never too big or too small a problem to talk it over with Him. This brings us peace, joy, and quietness of heart.

## Last Will And Testament of the Lord Jesus Christ

I, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Lord and Savior to all those who believe in Me; being of sound mind and memory do declare this my Last Will and Testament.

**I.** I do hereby bequeath to all My heirs **MY HUMILITY**...This means quietness of heart. It is never to be frustrated or irritated. Never to be disappointed. It is to be at rest when nobody praises you and when you are blamed or despised. It is to be at peace when all around is trouble.

**II.** I bequeath to you **My LOVE**..."A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

**III.** I give My heirs **MY HEAVENLY HOME**. I go to prepare a place for you – a place of glad reunion where there will be no separation from God.

**IV.** I give **MY NAME** to all who believe and whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do – if it is asked in faith according to My Will.

**V.** I give you **MY PEACE** ... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

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**VI. MY LIFE** --- I give to you. “Abide in Me “ and I in you, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

**VII.** Oh! To give you **MY JOY** --- the joy that I found in the daily walk with My Father. Share this same relationship with Me.

**VIII.** The best of My Goods” **MY SPIRIT** I give unto you. He will be your Comforter and your Strengtheners, the power you will need to live the Christian Life, enjoying and experiencing all the rest that I have bequeathed.

**IX.** Claim **MY VICTORY** --- It is yours over the power of sin.

This legacy is in the nature of an eternal life trust, signed in My shed blood, attested to by My resurrection from the grave, and declared through My Holy Word, the 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> chapters of John’s Gospel.

**Signed, Sealed & Delivered By**  
***Jesus Christ***

**Witnesses:** The twelve apostles: Simon, Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Phillip, Bartholomew: Thomas, and Matthew, James, the son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon the Canaanite and Judas Iscariot.

