

Portland Area Bible Students Topical Study - John 14:23

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14:23

Consider the context of our theme scripture going back to John 13:21. Jesus answers the disciples questions on that subject of his betrayal and laying down of his life. Afterwards follows John 14 starting with "Let not your heart be troubled". Then Jesus describes how closely the Heavenly Father and he are connected in so many ways. Later, in John 17:11,22 that is expressed directly.

1. Generally, how does our theme scripture reflect its context? How does, "keep my words" verse 10 & "make our abode" verses 2,3 relate to our text?
2. How would you answer some Christians that say, John 14:23 says the we only have to study the "red letter" words of the Bible. (What Jesus said.) Consider Matt 4:4; John 17:17
3. In accordance with John 14:23, lets consider only **some of the words** of Jesus so that we show our love & be blessed in accordance with our theme text.

What is the admonition of the Words of Jesus in practical terms:

- a. Words of Jesus about love: Matt 22:36-40; Matt 5:43-48; John 13:34-35
 - b. Words of Jesus about giving: Acts 20:35
 - c. Words of Jesus about the yoke & rest: Matt 11:28-30
 - d. Words of Jesus about denial, taking up the cross & following Him: Matt 16:24
4. What are the consequences of not loving & living the words of Jesus? Luke 9:26
 5. What are the other consequences for loving & living the words of Jesus? Heb 13:13