

“In that day”

John 14:18-20

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. 20 "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Last time, we examined verse 18, and the first part of verse 19.

/We saw that Jesus was speaking of His death and resurrection, as well as His post-resurrection appearances to believers.\

Today we pick things up with the second part of verse 19: *because I live, you will live also.*

As usual, the context is crucial. Jesus has just spoken about His resurrection.

/Now, He is talking about life. And life is a major theme in the gospel of John. \

What does Jesus mean by this statement “because I live, you will live also”?

/Now of course in one sense, Jesus has always lived and always will live. In fact, He IS life.\

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

And in chapter 14 verse 6 He said that He WAS the life.

/In our passage this morning, He is talking about a particular kind of life. It is a life that His disciples will share in at some point in the future. \

Now again, considering the gospel as a whole, it's clear that Jesus came to impart a **new** kind of life to His disciples, and indeed whosoever would believe in Him.

John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

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/Here in the gospel of John, Jesus talks about this eternal life more than any other kind of life.\

What's more, half of the mentions of eternal life in the New Testament are found in John's writings.

/In chapter 17, Jesus will define eternal life:\

John 17:1-3

Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. 3 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

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/Here, eternal life is defined as knowing the Father, and knowing Jesus, in an intimate, experiential way.\

Back in verse 19, Jesus says that because Jesus lives, His disciples will live also.

Now certainly this statement is true about eternal life. All believers in Christ have eternal life. But we need to zero in on the immediate neighborhood as well.

John 14:18-19

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.

We established last time that “you will see Me” refers to the resurrected Christ.

/When Jesus came out of the grave, Jesus had a new life: resurrection life. And this is the life that Jesus is referring to in verse 19 when He says “because I live”.\

Because I will soon live in resurrection life, you will live in resurrection life also.

John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

/Every believer in Christ receives a new kind of life at the moment of salvation. This is a spiritual life. We are a new creation. We are regenerated. We are born anew.\

Titus 3:5

5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

/Note carefully who the agent of this new life is: the Holy Spirit. \ That will be the key to understanding "in that day" when we return to John 14:20.

Rom 8:23

23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

/We receive the first fruits of the Spirit when He regenerates us and indwells us. \

/Now we wait with great expectation for the redemption of our body, when we will receive a resurrection body just like the one Jesus has now, *Phil 3:20-21*\

This will occur at the Rapture, when Christ returns to receive the church in the clouds. This miracle ends the period of the church age.

“Because I live, you will live also” Let’s finish up with verse 20 of chapter 14.

John 14:20 "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

What does Jesus mean by “in that day”? Again we can’t ignore the context:

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"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.

/“you will live also” is “the day” that Jesus is speaking about in verse 20.\

Now remember I told you to note carefully the role of the Holy Spirit in imparting new life to us? This is exactly what we find in John chapter 7:

John 7:37-39

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

/So there you have it. The day of which Jesus was speaking in John 14:20 commences when Jesus is glorified. Then, the disciples will receive the Holy Spirit. \

20 "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

“in that day” refers to a period of time.

/“That day” began when Holy Spirit indwelt the disciples on the day of Pentecost. It will end with the Rapture of the church.\

This period of time is known as the Church Age.

/Verse 20, therefore, applies to every Church age believer.\

The disciples will know things that they didn’t know before Jesus went to be with the Father and sent the Holy Spirit to indwell believers .

/What things? Jesus mentions three things here.

1. You will know that I am in My Father.
2. You will know that you are in Me.
3. You will know that I am in you. \

/Taking up the first one: you will know that I am in My Father. This refers to the deity of Christ.\ We have already seen that they did not understand this on the night Jesus spoke these words to them.

/That word “know” in the Greek here means to know based on personal experience.\

It’s the understanding that only comes from a direct and ongoing personal experience of something or someone. There is an interpersonal relationship.

/They had heard Jesus teach them that He and the Father are one. But they were not able understand it until the Spirit came to dwell in their hearts. \

John 16:13

13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

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Back in chapter 14 verse 20:

John 14:20 "In that day you will know that I am in My Father

Again “I am in My Father” refers to the deity of Christ. /To see what that new understanding of His deity is all about, we need to turn to the church age epistles.\
Why?

Because they record the new revelation that came only after the Spirit indwelt believers.

Col 1:15-17

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

John 14:20 - and you in Me, and I in you.

/“You in Me” refers to the results of the baptism by the Spirit. Each believer in Christ has been placed into and permanently identified with Christ.\

Gal 3:27-28

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

/“I in you” is another unique gift to church age believers. Christ is in us! We are indwelt by the Spirit AND by Christ.\

This is a mystery that was hidden but now has been revealed to believers.

Col 1:26-27

26 that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, 27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

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What an awesome time to be a believer in the Lord!!