

Jesus Joy

John 15:9-13

Jesus tells us that He loves His people with a love that compares to the Father's great love for Him

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you."

Jesus wants us to "remain in" His love: to continuously live every part of our lives in the greatness of His love.

"Now remain in my love."

How can we have solid confidence this is real and secure?

¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

Jesus knew great joy in obeying His Father's commands and remaining in His Father's love.

¹¹ "I have told you this so that your joy may be complete and that your joy may be complete."

Jesus wants His people to have His joy—in us!

Jesus further explains "my commands..."

¹² "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

This was the experience of Jesus:

The Father loves Jesus
Jesus "remains in" His Father's love
Jesus obeys His Father's commands
Jesus has joy
Jesus loves His people
—and lays down His life for them

This is to be our experience:

Jesus loves me
I remain in His love
I obey His commands
I have joy
I love others
—and "lay down my life" for them
(bearing much fruit)

Every follower who "remains in His love" and "obeys His commands"
—will "lay down his life" for people.

Every follower who "remains in His love" and "obeys His commands"
—will experience His "joy" and "fruit."

Jesus teaches us that our experience of love, obedience, joy and fruit—
are dependent upon His love, obedience, joy and fruit.
So, we must live in continual dependence upon His life!