



# TRINITY GRACE CHURCH

## John 14:15-31 || The Paraclete || Taylor Hollingsworth

**MAIN POINT:** In light of Christ's love, live courageously in the peace of Christ, through the empowering help of the Holy Spirit.

### 1. The Foundation: Christ's Love. (v. 15)

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? - **Deuteronomy 10:12-13**

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ... We love because he first loved us. - **1 John 4:10, 19**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. - **1 John 5:1-3**

### 2. The Help: Christ's Spirit. (v. 16-26)

My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. - **Ezekiel 37:27**

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what he is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make sense. What on earth is he up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself." - **C.S. Lewis**

### 3. The Courage: Christ's Peace. (v. 27-31)

I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore.- **Ezekiel 37:26**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. - **Romans 5:1**

"The peace Jesus promises does not avoid trouble, it triumphs over it...this peace is no escape from reality but a courageous serenity even in the midst of troubles..." **D.A. Carson**