



Believing Christ - Responding to John's Gospel

John 14:1-14 An Unending Hope

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- 1. The source of our hope (vs 1-3)
- 2. The means of our hope (vs 4-11)
- 3. The glory of our hope (vs 12-14)

The source of our hope (vs 1-3)

- Protect your heart from fear and despair. – vs 1a
- Rather, actively put your faith in God who is above us and God who is with us – vs 1b.
- On what grounds is this hope: Jesus is coming back to take us to be with him.

The means of our hope (vs 4-6)

- Thomas knows neither destination nor way! (vs 5)
- Jesus is the way, in a world that is lost.
- Jesus is the truth, in a world of lies that is deceived.
- Jesus is the life, in a world that knows only death. (vs 6)
- Jesus reiterates that knowing him is the same as knowing and seeing God. - vs 7
- Philip asks, like Moses (Exodus 33:18-23) to see the Father – vs 8.
- Jesus questions Philip's lack of understanding. Jesus and the Father are one - vs 9.

“... in Christ, Philip has before him the full embodiment of God as it *can* be seen by humanity. Nevertheless, Jesus now says with utter clarity what Philip could not comprehend before (14:9).”

Gary M. Burge, *The NIV Application Commentary: John*, (Zondervan, 2009)

The means of our hope (vs 7-11)

- Father and Son are essentially one – vs 10.
- So that the words Jesus speaks are not just his - they are the result of God working in him.
- He appeals to them at least to believe on account on the signs and miracles they seen – vs 11.

The glory of our hope (vs 12-14)

- What greater works? In terms of scale and impact. (vs 12)
- And privileged prayer (vs 13-14).

"The 'greater works' of which he now spoke to them would still be his own works, accomplished no longer by his visible presence among them but by his Spirit within them. And it was only by his going to the Father that the Paraclete would come to them (John 16:7)."

F.F. Bruce, *The Gospels & Epistles of John*, (William B Eerdmans, 1983): page 300.

Application:

Let God's Hope Transform you!