

John 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans

When Jesus died the disciples hid in fear, as though they were orphans. Their lives were aimless, pointless, without meaning and filled with fear. Then Jesus rose. They saw him alive again. They knew they weren't orphans. They came out from hiding. There was no fear anymore because they were filled with joy and love and life. Which is a better description of our life?

John 14:21 Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.

An orphan does what he wants because he has no father to tell him what is wrong or to reprimand him when he does wrong. We know that we have a Father and our Father lives because we have His commands. We hear His commands and we do them. Like children we do not always do them. We sin every day. But we still hear the voice of the Father, and even when He reprimands us. His voice also reminds us of His love and the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ.

John 14:23 we will come to him and make our home with him.

An orphan has no place to go does he? He has no home, and how can he have a plan or a destination. He is therefore an aimless wanderer. The disciples also were like that for those few days after Good Friday, but not after Easter. Then they knew they had a home but that home was not of that earth. Nothing about this earth matters to them anymore. They didn't care about building a home or saving up riches. Their focus was heavenly all the way.

John 14:19 the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me.

An orphan will never see his parents again, but the disciples saw Christ again. And Christ promises that we also will see Him again. Judas asks the question we all want to know, how? Christ makes it clear that it is through His word that we see Him. The world cannot see Him because the world sees only a book. But through faith we hear the voice of God and know that He is alive.

Because I live, you also will live. – John 14:19

the Helper,
the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father
will send in
My name,
He will teach
you all things,