

## John 14:1-3

**John 14:1** *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."*

A. We need to get over feelings of anxiety when we face them (**Philippians 4:6-9**; cf. **Matthew 6:25-34**).

1. We can look to God's word in times of trouble (**Psalms 119:143** and **Romans 15:4**).
2. If a Christian becomes overwhelmed, we need to remember who our God is (**Psalms 77:1-15**, **Psalms 43:5**, **Nahum 1:7**, and **II Corinthians 1:3-5**).
3. In troubled times we have to remember that God is with us (**Psalms 37:39**, **Psalms 94:14**, **II Corinthians 4:8-10**, and **Hebrews 13:5-6**).
4. We can use prayer to pour our burdens out before God realizing that He is an ever-present ear (**Psalms 142:2** and **I Peter 5:6-8**).

B. Belief in our Heavenly Father should translate to faith in Christ (**John 6:40** and **I John 5:10-12**).

1. You cannot separate the Father from the Son (**John 5:23**, **John 10:30**, **I John 2:23-24**, and **I John 5:7**).
2. God the Father has entrusted our salvation to Jesus (**Ephesians 1:3-12** and **I Thessalonians 5:9**).
3. Some pervert the words of Christ (*ye believe in God, believe also in me*) by saying that Jesus is denying being deity by His words. We know this is NOT the case (**Isaiah 9:6**, **Matthew 1:23**, **John 8:23-24**, **John 8:56-58**, **John 20:28-31**, **Acts 20:28**, **Romans 9:1-5**, **Colossians 2:8-9**, **Titus 2:13**, **Hebrews 1:8-12**, **I John 3:16**, and **I John 5:20**).

**John 14:2** *"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."*

A. We are looking to enter our Father's house (**II Corinthians 4:14-5:1**).

1. We should not get lost in the term "mansion" (Strong's # 3438), for we are not literally going to inherit mansions (as the carnal mind sees that term).
  - a. The term means: "a staying, abiding, dwelling, abode" (Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon; p. 417).
  - b. That same Greek term is only used one other time. There it is translated "abode" (**John 14:23**).
2. Heaven is no more a literal place of mansions than it is a city, new earth, or just a throne (in terms of physical structures as the carnal mind sees them). Yet, these are terms used in the Scriptures when the Lord is speaking of Heaven (**Hebrews 13:14**, **II Peter 3:10-13**, and **Revelation 3:21**).

B. Jesus is a faithful witness (**Revelation 1:5**), thus we can trust Him when He says there is an eternal dwelling place awaiting us (**John 12:25-26**).

1. One part of Jesus' identity is that He is the TRUTH (**John 1:14-17, John 14:6, John 15:1, and II Corinthians 1:19-20**).
2. We need to remember that THE TRUTH has promised eternal life (**Mark 10:28-30, John 4:33-36, and John 10:26-28**) unto those that obey Him (**Hebrews 5:8-9**).
3. With Jesus preparing a place, we must make sure we lay hold on our reservation [figuratively speaking] (**I Timothy 6:12**).

**John 14:3** *"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*

A. Jesus will return (**Acts 1:9-11**) to receive us unto Himself (**I Thessalonians 4:13-18, II Thessalonians 2:1, and Hebrews 9:28**).

1. The return of our Lord will be at an unknown time (**Matthew 24:35-51, Matthew 25:13, and I Thessalonians 5:1-4**).
2. The return of Christ and the promises contained therein should motivate us to be prepared (**I John 3:1-3**).

B. Jesus will take us to the place where He is now (**Colossians 3:4 and Hebrews 12:1-2**).

1. Jesus is in Heaven (**Acts 7:55, Philippians 3:20, II Thessalonians 1:7, and Hebrew 4:14**).
  - a. The term "heaven" can be used to describe the sky (**Genesis 1:1; 8, Psalms 8:3, Psalms 147:8, and II Peter 3:7-10**).
  - b. Jesus is not just in the sky (**Ephesians 4:9-10**), He is in the eternal realm that is known as Heaven (**Ephesians 1:19-22, Hebrews 9:24, and I Peter 3:20-22**).
2. Thanks be to God that eternal life (**I John 2:24-25**) is available from God through His Son (**I John 4:9 and I John 5:11**).