

Never Alone (John 14: 18-24)

- In addressing his disciples about his departure Jesus called them little children
- The very spirit of the believer to be childlike- the disciples afraid like children
- Jesus says even though He dies they won't be left to grieve over his departure
Jesus says: He will comfort them (18) they will enjoy new life in Him (19-24)
- 'orphan' English – loss of both parents- NT: one parent or a beloved mentor
- Jesus says “I will not leave you as orphans” he will only leave them bodily
- They weren't going to be like motherless children when the Holy Spirit came

I. Jesus explains what it meant for the Disciples to have a Helper (14:18)

- “I will come to you” after His resurrection: would know they are no orphans
- Jesus would appear to them in his *resurrected body* & give them the *Helper* (16)
- (19) Jesus' disciples never were nor would ever be orphaned: were never alone

II. What it means that you won't be orphans: You Will live Also (14: 19-24)

- “because I live you will live also” (19) To see Him – meant: never perish
- He would be with them throughout their lives through the Holy Spirit (16-17)
- He would be in heaven for them (1- 6) Jesus is the source of unending life

When will this new life be theirs (ours)? (v.20) faith & trust in Jesus Christ (union)

How will this new life come to us? (v.21) They will bear righteous fruit

- Those who love Jesus & follow Him will be loved by the Father

How will Christ reveal Himself to believers? (22) Jesus will manifest Himself to us

Why to us and not to them? (23) Jesus' answer “I came to abide in your heart”

- You follow my word because you love me & I & the Father love & dwell with you. If you don't listen to me: no love for me, no recipient of grace (24)