

# Sermon Study Guide – May 14th, 2023

*Today's Focus: "Do What Does You Nothing"*

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ You're hearing today's theme right. What makes it so strange? Usually, what do we prefer to occupy our time with?
- ◆ Today's theme is what the Bible teaches us. How does the Bible encourage us to "do what does you nothing"? What role do our good deeds have in our faith? Why do we do them?

2) Today's Message: John 14:15-21

*<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be<sup>[c]</sup> in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."*

3) What does God want you to know today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

*Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...*

1. Why is life not simply a matter of saying, “Do Good”?
2. How does God say we can keep his commands and do good?
3. How can we be sure that we have the Holy Spirit to help us?
4. Finally, why do we do good when it does us nothing?
5. How will “doing what does us nothing” help us appreciate and become even more aware of Jesus and his love ?
6. How does the analogy of a tree and its fruit help us understand another reason why we “do what does us nothing”?

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:*

**Monday:** *read/review* Proverbs 15-16

**Tuesday:** *read/review* 1 Peter 2:4-3:9

**Wednesday:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Thursday:** John 3:1-21

**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 12

**Saturday:** *read/review* John 14:15-31