

IF CHRIST BE WITH US

John 14:31; 18:1

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus told His disciples that it was time to go and He got up with them and they left together. It would seem that knowing what He did that Jesus would want to be alone for it was just a little while before He would be taken prisoner. Even though Jesus needed to be alone, He could not leave His disciples alone for He loved them too deeply for that. They might leave Him, but He wasn't going to leave them.

I. JESUS NEVER LEAVES THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM ALONE

1. What was true that night is just as true today.
 - The believer's faith in Jesus is the same yesterday as it is today and wherever the believer is Jesus is there also.
 - The believer is never forsaken nor left alone even though He cannot be seen as in the disciples' time Jesus is still present with every believer.
 - As near as the disciples were to Jesus then, believers today can be just as near, if not nearer.
2. *"...Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me..."*

II. WHEN JESUS IS WITH THE BELIEVER, THAT IS ENOUGH

1. With Jesus present, there are many things that don't have to be answered or worried about.
 - There are many questions one might think about and might want to ask Jesus about, but somehow when Jesus is present, those questions seem unimportant.
 - The disciples talked among themselves often when Jesus wasn't there but when Jesus was there with them, they were content and felt that His presence was enough.
2. It should be the same today with believers.
 - One should not be disturbed with doubts and wonderings about God when Jesus is present.
 - Knowing that Jesus is present, no matter what the situation, one should be content and just leave all to Him.
3. To know Jesus is to be happy that one doesn't have to know everything.
 - Believers don't know everything but they are people who walk with the Lord and know that they can put all their burdens, questions, wonderings down and walk off and leave them.

III. IF CHRIST BE WITH THE BELIEVER, THEN THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR

1. There is nothing that can possibly happen that Jesus doesn't already know about.
 - Jesus was never surprised by any act of anybody.
 - Jesus was always equal to any and every situation He encountered.
 - Jesus fed thousands more than once.
 - Jesus calmed storms.
 - Jesus healed the sic, and raised the dead.
 - There was no emergency that Jesus could not handle.
2. Jesus protects those who are His own, just as He did with His disciples, He still does today for/with those who believe in Him.

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus is the same today as He was with His disciples.
2. When Jesus is present there is nothing to fear.
3. Jesus has not lost His power.
4. Although Jesus is not present physically today as with the disciples, He is still just as present, even more so for He is now able to be with EVERY believer at the same time, no matter where the believer is.
5. Jesus still says to believers, "*...Arise, let us go hence.....*"
6. There are many things Jesus has for believers to do for Him and He is with every believer, every moment and will enable the believer to do whatever Jesus has for him/her to do.
7. Believer, be confident, put aside all worries and wonderings for Jesus is HERE with you.