

## *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for September 2-3, 2006**

**"Getting To Know the Father"**

**John 14:7-11**

What did Jesus tell His disciples about His relationship with His Father that would assure them that His Father would be just as enthusiastic about them coming to His house as Christ?

Jesus told His disciples that knowing Him was to know His Father (John 14:7-8).

"From now on" refers to that period of time beginning with the events of that night and extending all the way to Christ's ascension and the sending of the Spirit (John 14:7).

It was important for the disciples to focus on these events encapsulated by the phrase "from now on" so that when the events occurred, they would come to truly know and to see Christ's Father.

They would come to know and see not only His Father's love and care for them but also His Father's personal commitment to the plan Jesus outlined for them in John 14:2-3.

Though Jesus had hoped His words would have assured His disciples of the certainty of the plan He shared in John 14:2-3, Philip's request in John 14:8 made it clear that His words had not done that.

Based on Philip's request in John 14:8, Christ's disciples were still struggling to understand the true nature of Christ's relationship with His Father, even after what He had said in John 14:7.

Jesus told His disciples that if they had seen Him, they had seen the Father (John 14:9-10).

Since seeing Christ is to see the Father, we can perfectly understand why Christ finished John 14:9 by asking Philip, "How do you say 'show us the Father'?"

I believe, in light of His disappointment in Philip's request in John 14:9, that Christ in John 14:10, would have expected Philip, upon further reflection, to answer the question "yes."

Jesus told His disciples how His words exemplified the oneness He enjoyed with His Father (John 14:10-11).

Jesus was, in essence, telling His disciples that the words He had spoken to them in John 14:2-3 were not only His words but the very words of His Father.

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Jesus also told His disciples to believe what He had said about His oneness with His Father, if not based solely on His words then on His miraculous works (John 14:11).

May God give us the grace to see the love and care of Christ's Father in every word, action or event involving Christ.