Antigo Community Church – April 7, 2024

Title: A Warning and a Promise

Text: John 15:18 – 16:4

John 14:1-3

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many dwelling places (rooms); if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

John 14:6

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

We have life.

He will produce fruit, much fruit in us.

We receive what we ask in Jesus’ name.

We bask in God’s love and love each other

We receive Jesus’ joy.

We are called friends.

“This is my command: Love each other.”

Scripture Reading

John 15:18 – 16:14 (NIV)

I AM the Bread of Life

I AM the Light of the World

I AM the Gate/Door

I AM the Good Shepherd

I AM the Resurrection and the Life

I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life

I AM the True Vine

John 15:19

“If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”

1 Peter 2:9

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you might declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

1 Peter 2:12, 15

“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us… For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.”

Allegiance to Jesus and the desire to be liked by everyone will never go together.

Don’t be surprised when the world hates you – no servant is greater this his master.

Don’t be surprised when great hardship comes – no servant is greater than his master.

Romans 5:3-5

“… we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

The Counselor, Comforter, Holy Spirit will come!

He will guide you into all truth.

He will testify about Jesus and so will we.

He will not leave us.

He is Jesus’ presence in us.

We do not belong to this world. He has taken us out of the kingdom of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of His glorious light.

Don’t be surprised when the world hates us – It hated Jesus, it will hate us.

Don’t be surprised when great hardship comes – We have been warned so when it happens, we won’t go astray.

Anchor on Jesus’ promise – His presence by the indwelling Holy Spirit and the promise of His soon return.