



Scripture for Reflection ~ a reading from the Gospel of John ~ **John 14.15-21a**

*Andrew's translation and contextual adaptation, based on a reading of the Greek text,
with the interpretive principle of dynamic-equivalency ~ The Twiddy Interpretive Version (TIV)*

The Unitive Spirit

Jesus spoke to his close friends, on the night before he died, and shared with them some of the most intimate of his teachings about the nature of life and love, and the evolution of human consciousness and society in regard to that.

“ Friends, I ask you to put my teachings to the test in practice.

That's how you can express your love for me in a way that I can receive it best.

For my part, I will ask the Beloved to bring you another friend, who will be always be with you.
I mean, the Spirit ~ *the Unitive Spirit!*

Because of the structures of society, people cannot understand this Spirit, or experience it.
But *you* will experience it, because the Unitive Spirit will remain there with you ~ *among* you,
and *within* you.

I will not be leaving you orphaned. In fact, this is how I will come back to you.

Society will not see me, but you will see me. And then you will understand how I will keep on living, and how you will too.

Actually, the day is coming when you will experience three things:

that I am contained in the Beloved,
that you are contained in me,
and that I am contained in you.

These are my teachings, in a simple summary.

And those who understand my teachings, and put them into practice, are the ones who know how to show their love for me in a way that I can receive.

And when you love me in that way, you too will know what it is to be loved by the one I call *The Beloved.*”