

FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 2/12-13/2024 - John 16:1-33

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OPENING PRAYER

Review from last week: *The True Vine! Love and Joy Perfected! The World's Hatred! The Coming Rejection!*

(John 16:1-33) – *The Coming Rejection!* – (15:26-27; 16:1-4); *The Work of the Holy Spirit!* - (vs. 5-15); *Sorrow Will Turn to Joy!* - (vs. 16-24): *Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World!* - (vs. 25-33)!

(Joh 15:26-27) "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. [27] And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Joh 16:1 These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

- **He ends the chapter with the very same words, *These things have I spoken to you.*** As we have mentioned, from chapter thirteen, we are taking a rather thorough look at the last evening that Jesus had with His disciples. It began with the Passover supper with His disciples and the discussion that took place during and after the dinner. Chapters fifteen and sixteen seem to be spoken by Jesus to His disciples as they are on the way to the garden of Gethsemane.
- **It is interesting that John gives us so much insight in this one evening of Jesus.** It takes up several chapters, almost a third of the gospel of John is taken up in this one evening. At the end of the book, John said, *(Joh 21:25) And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.*
- **The disciples are asking questions and Jesus is giving them answers.** He is just instructing them, mainly about the fact that though He is going away, they will not be without help. The Holy Spirit is going to come. It is not going to be easy. The world is going to hate you. You are going to be going through some heavy trials.
- ***That you should not be made to stumble. Expect these things.*** Do not think that the world is going to refer to you as a champion. They are going to hate you!

Joh 16:2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

- **This was true! The Jews felt that they must stamp out this new sect.** Paul, as he is recounting to Agrippa his conversion, said, *“(Act 26:10-11) This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. [11] And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.* Paul speaks of his own persecution, thinking that he was doing God's will, that He was serving God in his endeavor to destroy Christianity.
- **We read that when Stephen was stoned, Paul was consenting or voted for his death.** He is telling Agrippa that he had voted for the death of many of the Christians.

Joh 16:3 And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

- **This is a very interesting statement as Jesus is speaking about the religious Jews who felt they were serving God.** Today you may hear Jewish people saying, My family worships God. We go to synagogue every sabbath. We say the prayers. We keep kosher. Do you mean that just because we do not believe in Jesus that we are going to be lost because we worship God according to the traditions of our fathers?
- **Most Jews in Jesus' day were even more obedient to the law than the present-day Jews.** They were offering sacrifices for sins. The temple was still standing and the priests were still making the sacrifices and the offerings. But Jesus said concerning those Jews who were going to temple, who were offering their

sacrifices, who were going through the forms of worshipping God, that “they really didn’t know the Father, nor Jesus.”

- **It is possible that our religion can be a matter of rote.** A matter of ritual, just going through the motions but not really knowing God. Paul testified of the Jews of his day, (**Rom 10:2**) *For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.* But that is all it is, is just a form of godliness.
- **Paul said in (Rom 1:21) because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.** Here Jesus is saying that they are going to think that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service, but they have not known the Father nor Me!

Joh 16:4 *But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.*

- **The revelation of God to our hearts is a progressive revelation.** Jesus did not let them know at the beginning all of the persecution that they would face for His sake. The reason why is that He was with them to shield them and protect them. When they were cornered by the Pharisees and they were being asked difficult questions, Jesus came. He stepped in and He defended them. But He is not going to be there. I am going away! You are going to be without Me!
- **But you are not going to be without the help of God because I am going to pray to the Father. He is going to send you the Helper, (Joh 16:13)** *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.* He will be with you to help you. But you are going to be going through some very severe persecution, severe testings and you’re going to be giving your life.

The Work of the Holy Spirit (vs. 5-15); (vs. 8-11 - the world; 12-15 – the disciples, us)

Joh 16:5 *"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'"*

- **But now I go away to Him who sent Me.** This is the reason why I am telling you these things because I am going back to God,
- **And none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'** Earlier in the thirteenth chapter, when Jesus said I am going away and where I am going, you cannot come now. In (**Joh 13:36-37**) *Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward." [37] Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."* But none of the disciples apparently really understood, not pursuing to understand what Jesus more fully was saying. They are so absorbed with their sense of loss; all they can think about is that Jesus is going to be leaving us! They did not even think to ask Jesus, well, where are You going? What is this going to mean for You? So now in compassion, Jesus brings it up again. *None of you asks, Where are you going?*

Joh 16:6 *But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.*

- **Back in the fourteenth chapter, He said, (Joh 14:28b) If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father.** Now He is saying, *Sorrow has filled your heart.* And yet He said, (**Joh 14:1**) *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.* So they are really in a quandary right now, *filled with sorrow.* They do not understand what He is saying. They still cannot accept the cross; His death that He is going to be going away from them. They are still thinking that the kingdom is going to be set up very soon.
- **It is interesting that after His resurrection and the forty days that He was with them, on and off, ministering to them,** He then ascended into heaven and just before He ascended into heaven, He told them to go back to Jerusalem. (**Act 1:4-5,8**) *And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; [5] for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." [8] But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Joh 16:7 *Nevertheless I tell you the truth, It is to your advantage (expedient, necessary) that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart (His crucifixion and ascension), I will send Him to you. (**Joh 14:26**) *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.**

- **As long as Jesus was in a body, He was limited by the body to the material things of the universe**, even space and time. When Jesus ascended into heaven leaving space and time, He can be everywhere at once! (*Mat 28:20c*) *Lo, I am with you always!* (*Mat 18:20*) *For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.*
- **The Lord is with us here tonight because He is Spirit. He is with us here, but He is also with every other fellowship** that has gathered in His name to worship Him this evening. He can be with all of us.

***Joh 16:8* And when He has come, He will convict (convince) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

- **Jesus now begins to speak about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the unsaved world.** He shifts from the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, to instruct them concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the world.
- **He is going to address here three things that only the Holy Spirit can accomplish in the world, in an individual's life:** We share God's truth. We pray for people. We live a life that is different from the world. We live a Christian life. We do all of these things. But only the Holy Spirit can do these things through a believer, only He can do them in the life of a non-Christian and in the world. We can only accomplish these things as we co-operate with the Holy Spirit.
- **He will convict. Or convince.** This Greek word is difficult to translate into English. It is a word that is used in a court of law and that is to present the evidence to bring a conviction.
- **He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment!** It becomes very interesting at this point because when we think of sin, we usually think of the overt actions that are contrary to the commandments of God. Thus, we think of sin as lying or stealing or cheating or coveting or getting angry, losing our temper, and we think of those things when we think of sin.

***Joh 16:9* of sin, because they do not believe in Me;**

- **Because they do not believe in Me! That, basically, is the damning sin!** (*Mar 3:29*) *but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"*
- **He died for the sins of the world.** (*Isa 53:6*) *All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*
- **He bore our sins.** (*2Co 5:21*) *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.* He is God's only provision for sin.
- **All roads do not lead to heaven.** There is only one way to enter the kingdom of God and that is through Jesus Christ. He said, (*Joh 14:6*) *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (Mat 7:13-14) "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. [14] Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.* There is a constant pressure from the world to try to broaden the gate. We are accused of narrow bigotry.
- **Often people say their major objection against Christianity is our narrowness and our bigotry to say that Jesus is the only way.** They would make Buddha a way; Shintoism a way; Just being sincerely religious a way. Surely God will accept all, but that is not what Jesus said! The exclusivity, the exclusiveness of Jesus offends people, that there is only the one way. But there is only the one way! Jesus Christ is God's only provision to take care of your sins! How thankful we are, that there is a way?
- **When a Jewish friend asked me about his family who were so religious,** I said, What do they do about their sin? You see, God made a covenant with Israel that when they sin, they could bring a sin offering unto the Lord. He made the provisions for the covering of their sins by the offering of an animal sacrifice, the animal substituting for them, dying for them, so to speak, because of their sin. My friend had no answer except that they just seek to be good and that their goodness will overbalance their evil.
- **The Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, probably the holiest day in the Jewish calendar,** that day when the priest would enter the Holy of Holies and offer the goat sin offering unto God for the sins of the nation. That day today for the Jew is a day of reflection. It is still a solemn day. But now rather than being forgiven and made righteous because of the sacrifice of the goat, they seek to be righteous by their good works. Thus, they sit and they reflect upon the goodness that they have done this previous year. They vow and promise to seek to be good and to do nice, generous things, hoping that their goodness will counterbalance their evil. (*Isa 64:6a*) *But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags.*
- **But Paul said, (Rom 3:20) Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for sin!** Thus the Holy Spirit testifies of sin. Jesus said, "Because they do not believe Me!" **The only sin for which a person will be damned is the**

sin of rejecting Jesus Christ! Not believing in Him as your Lord and Savior! Every other sin is forgivable. Every other sin has been borne by Christ. He died for the sins of the world! It leaves only one issue and that is, Jesus Himself. As the question was asked by Pilate, What shall I do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah? **Most importantly, that is the question that you must face and you must answer!** To believe in Him is to be forgiven of your sins.

- **Jesus said in (Joh 3:16-17)** *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. [17] For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*
- **So He testifies of sin. Not of the things that we do daily in missing the mark, but your refusal to believe in Jesus Christ, as God's provision for your sin!**

Joh 16:10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

- **Secondly, He convicts of righteousness.** Jesus said, *Of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more.* Early in the ministry of Jesus, He said to His disciples in the Sermon on the Mount something that must have blown their minds. He said, **(Mat 5:20)** *For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. If anybody could find entrance into heaven by works, by good works and by righteousness, it should be the scribes and the Pharisees because they spent their whole lives trying to keep every little aspect of the law! Trying to live by the righteousness that comes from keeping the law. They devoted their life to that.*
- **Paul the apostle who was a Pharisee, in describing his life before he met Jesus, declared (Php 3:5-7)** *circumcised the eighth day of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; [6] concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness, which is in the law, blameless. [7] But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. [8] Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.* So our hope for the future is that we might be accepted into the kingdom of God. That God will receive us into glory.
- **It is an interesting that when anyone dies, we always want to think of them as being in heaven.** They may live like the devil but when they die, we try to remember the good characteristics and hopefully, they are in heaven. We want to picture them in heaven. Why? Because that is our desire that when I die, I might be received by God into His kingdom, the eternal habitations of God. How sure are you of your salvation? Do you know where you will be, after taking your last breath?
- **God has made provisions for my sins through Jesus Christ that when I die, I can enter into heaven.** But what is the righteous standard that God will allow into heaven? The righteous standard is Jesus Christ! His ascension into heaven was God's declaration that this is the righteousness that I will receive into heaven! Anything less will not do! You have to be as righteous as Jesus Christ! You say, that is impossible! Good, you are learning! It is impossible for me to be as righteous as Jesus Christ; thus, God has made **the provision that He will account me righteous by my faith in Jesus Christ** so that the righteousness of Christ is now accounted to me or imputed to me! God imputes righteousness to those who believe! Wow!
- **This is nothing new. We read in (Jas 2:23)** *And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS."* And he was called the friend of God. His faith in God was accounted by God to Abraham for righteousness. So with us! The righteousness of Christ through faith, which God imputes to me, guarantees me entrance into the kingdom of God! But anything less, even the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees will not get you in! **(Mat 5:20)** *For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.* But the righteousness of Christ does exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, which is imputed to me and thus I am guaranteed entrance into the kingdom of heaven! Hallelujah!

Joh 16:11 of judgment (not of the judgment to come, but the judgment of Satan), because the ruler (the prince) of this world is judged.

- **Of judgment. The Holy Spirit will testify or convict, Not the judgment to come!** We do know that there is a day of judgment coming. **(Heb 9:27)** *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,* That judgment seat of God is mentioned by John in the book of Revelation chapter twenty.

- **Jesus speaks about when He returns to the earth, then He will gather together the nations to judge them.** (*Mat 25:41*) *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand (the lost), 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.* There is a day of judgment coming. People may think that they are getting by. They are not. One day, every man will stand before God, the books will be open, and the Bible says, (*Heb 4:13*) *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but **all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*** You cannot hide anything from God! You are an open book as far as your life is concerned.
- **The beautiful thing though is by my believing in Jesus Christ, all of the negative things I have ever done have been blotted out, erased, forgiven!** My page just says, Righteous! The righteousness of Christ that has been imputed to me because of my faith in Jesus! Wow! Over the top!
- **But Jesus is not talking about the judgment to come but He is talking about the judgment of Satan that was to take place** when He would die upon the cross. Now remember this is the evening before His death. Before noon, He will be hanging on the cross dying for the sins of the world. But by His death, He will be bringing judgment against Satan.
- **Because the prince of this world is judged. Satan was called by Jesus the prince of this world here.** The Bible speaks of his ruling over the kingdoms of the earth. (*Eph 6:12*) *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. But Jesus, through the cross, triumphed over the principalities and powers of darkness!* Satan was defeated, as far as his ability to control the world and man any longer. Now, it is only by man's consent that Satan can control your life! How well do we understand that?
- **Through Jesus Christ, the power that Satan once had over me is broken!** The power that Satan has held over you was broken through Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross. Satan can no longer reign or rule over you! His power is broken. So the Holy Spirit testifies of that victory, that life of victory that we can know and experience through Jesus Christ by our believing in Him!
- **We are empowered by Him and the darkness no longer holds sway over us.** It is the expelling power of the stronger force; the darkness has been expelled by the light! If have Jesus Christ dwelling in you, (*1Jn 4:4b*) *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.* So, the Spirit's witness, testimony is that of the victory that you and I can know today in and through Jesus Christ that we do not have to be held in the power of darkness, in the grip of Satan. But we through Christ have been set free!

Joh 16:12 *I still have many things to say to you (11 disciples and us) but you cannot bear them now* (the horror of Jesus' crucifixion).

- **Paul the apostle, writing to the Corinthians, said (1Co 3:2) I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able.** He wanted to give them meat but they still had need of milk. They were not able to really take solid spiritual food. Jesus had still a lot of things to say but they just were not yet mature enough where He could share them with them. He knew that it would shatter them if He would reveal them at that time.
- **So the Holy Spirit will come and He will then begin to reveal these things to you.** Through the New Testament, through the epistles, we have those things that the Holy Spirit shared. The things that they were not able at that point to receive. So later on, the Holy Spirit came.

Joh 16:13 *However, when He, the Spirit of (the) truth, has come, He will guide you into all (the) truth; for He will not speak on (from) His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

- **We see in the book of Revelation the Holy Spirit, showing John the things that are going to come.** Things of the future. Paul the apostle wrote a lot about the coming antichrist and the coming again of Jesus Christ, the rapture of the church. These things, Jesus said, you are not able to bear now, but the Holy Spirit, He is going to teach you these things and He is going to show you the things to come!

Joh 16:14 *He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.*

Joh 16:15 *All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take (timeless present tense) of Mine and declare it to you.* (*Joh 17:6*) *"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.*

- **In Acts, chapter one, as Jesus now, some forty-three days after the fifteenth chapter here, just before He ascends into heaven, is talking to His disciples.** Luke tells us, (*Act 1:2*) *until the day in which He was*

taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen. So all of the things that Jesus taught and all, before His ascension are found in the gospel of Luke. But after His ascension, He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen.

- **That is exactly what Jesus is saying here.** *I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.* But when He, the Spirit of truth has come, *He will guide you into all truth.* So after His ascension, the Holy Spirit came to guide them into all truth and to show them things to come as the Holy Spirit would receive from Jesus, and declare them to you! Every believer has the Holy Spirit in us, revealing all the truth to us!

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD – Dan Iverson

- *Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy (vs. 16-24) The last, weighty, things before the crucifixion

Joh 16:16 "A little while" (micron - 7X here), and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

Joh 16:17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?"

- ***A little while!*** Although they really had no way of knowing what is ahead, they will experience much grief, pain and anguish on the former end of the cross! **But then the joy** at the Resurrection and Ascension!
- **He said, *In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*** A little while, and you are not going to see Me. I am ascending to the Father. I am returning to the One who sent Me. But you will see Me. I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also!

Joh 16:18 They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying."

- **I am sure that this happened a lot.** Jesus would speak about these things they just did not understand. They would get together, saying what does He mean now? I do not understand this. So they were in this little huddle, sort of wondering just what He is saying to us. They still could not accept the fact that He was going to die. They still did not fully understand what His ascension into heaven would mean and their being gathered together with Him again in the heavenly kingdom.

Joh 16:19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

Joh 16:20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

- **When you see Me hanging on the cross; when you see Me dying; when you see Me being put in the tomb,** then you are going to have sorrow. You are going to weep and have lamentations. But the world will be rejoicing. But your sorrow is going to be turned into joy! The joy of the resurrection! You will see Me! The joy of the resurrection!

Joh 16:21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

- **Then Jesus gave an illustration.** The same baby that causes your sorrow is the same baby that will bring you joy! **How quickly the pains of birth are forgotten with the rejoicing** of the new life, the child that has come into the world! The Jews believed that the present age of man was going to end in a great cataclysmic judgment, often referring to this great cataclysmic judgment as the earth being in *sorrow*, in travail, going through the painful experience, but after this painful anguish, it is going to come into the truly new age. The kingdom of God. but it would be preceded by this period of great tribulation. So throughout the Old Testament, we find this train of thought; the Great Tribulation that is coming upon the earth.

- **Isaiah describes the cataclysmic things that will happen as does Joel and Jeremiah.** Daniel speaks about the time of tribulation that is going to come. But they are the birth pangs. The *sorrow*, the anguish that will lead into the Kingdom Age, the glorious Kingdom of God, and His reign over the earth. So Jesus picks up this analogy that was used by the Jews of the earth's anguish. So you are going to be filled with joy when you see the new life, the resurrected life!

Joh 16:22 Therefore (so with you) you now have sorrow (temporary); but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy (permanently) no one will take from you.

- **Because it is the joy in the Lord, not in circumstances.** If our joy were in the circumstances, man can take it from us because our circumstances can change. But the joy is in the Lord and our relationship with Him is a constant. It does not change and thus, the joy is a constant. No man takes it from you.

Joh 16:23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. (Joh 14:13-14) And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

- **And in that day you will ask Me nothing. They have been asking Him all of these questions.** It has been a time of questioning. They have been asking Him, Lord, where are You going? All of these different questions. "In that day you will ask me nothing." That is, you will not be questioning Me.
- **Most assuredly, - last until the final one (Joh 21:18), I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.** Now He is talking about this relationship that He is bringing to us with the Father. Whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you!

Joh 16:24 Until (hitherto, up until this time) now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask (persistently and continually), and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

- **The prayer! The access that we have is through Jesus Christ.** I would not dare to approach God apart from Jesus Christ. In (Joh 14:6) *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. The glorious thing is that I can come to the Father through Him.* Paul tells us, (1Ti 2:5) *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.*
- **Even the Jews knew how unapproachable God was. They were reminded of it every time on Yom Kippur** when the priest would go into the Holy of Holies. He only, once a year, was allowed into the presence of God, that Shekinah, within the Holy of Holies. The common person would not dare to enter in! We remember in the time of David, when the Ark of the Covenant was being returned to Jerusalem. (2Sa 6:7) *Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.* Uzzah died just because it was the Ark of the Covenant, it was holy! Man could not approach God, because of sin. But, through Jesus Christ, I can approach the Father!
- **The scripture Hebrews said, (Heb 4:16) Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. I can now come boldly to God through Jesus Christ.** He has brought me and given me access. Whatever I ask the Father in His name, He promised that He would do it, that my joy might be full!

I Have Overcome the World (vs. 25-33) Jesus' final Upper Room wrap up to His eleven disciples! Very difficult, but out of His love (them, and us), He is telling them so that they may not be stumbled.

Joh 16:25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language (parables); but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.

Joh 16:26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;

- **These things have I spoken to you in figurative language. Or in parables.** The word in the Greek is the same word can be translated "parables."
- **But the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.** Jesus wants them to know that what is coming, the passion, the crucifixion, His death on the cross is not a defeat! It is not a disaster. They don't know what we here know! He said, what is coming is the greatest demonstration of the heart of God in time, in eternity and in human history! I cannot speak to you plainly right now. They could not hear it on their side of the event! After His death, resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit, things would become clear. They would actually understand the ministry of Christ better than they had while they were with Him, as the Spirit inspired them to write.

- *In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; Actually, you do not have to ask Me to ask the Father. In that day, after all the things that Jesus has done, we can come boldly to the Father, in His name! The Bible only knows one Mediator, which must be Deity, hearing millions of prayers at the same time, answering them individually. Only Deity can do that! Not in the name of any person, Mary or St. Jude. The day is coming when you can go directly on your own.*

Joh 16:27 for the Father Himself loves (phileo - fond of you as a father loves his son) you, because you have loved (phileo – the love of a friend, continually, perpetually) Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

- **Jesus is saying, You do not have to ask Me to ask the Father.** For, because the reason why; Jesus is saying I don't have to go to the Father in any way other than the way of the Father, too! "I and My Father are One!
- You can just ask the Father, because the Father Himself (emphatic, Him and Him alone) loves you. What a glorious realization! God loves me! We think so often wrongly that God is sort of austere, fierce, unapproachable and that Jesus sort of persuades God to see it our way or to love us or to acquiesce to our desires. No! God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16a). There was this breach between man and God because of sin. God wanted that breach to be removed so that you could know Him. That you could fellowship and know His love. So He sent His Son, Jesus to take your sins and the penalty of your sins, to die in your place. That was God's plan to open the door so that you could know what it is to fellowship with Him.
- **As John said, (1Jn 1:3-4) that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. [4] And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.**
- **That is what it is all about! God's love for you and His desire to fellowship with you.** Thus, making the provisions so that could be possible. Jesus, by taking our sin, by dying in our place, by opening the door that I can come to the Father through Him!
- **Now if Jesus is saying that it is not necessary to even ask Him, to ask the Father, then where does that put the intercession of Mary or the saints?** You see, if I can come directly to the Father, I do not need Mary's intercession. Nor do I need the intercession of the saints. Jesus is saying, You do not even need Mine! *I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you. Because the Father loves you, and because you have loved Me, and believed that I came out from God.* Because of your faith in Jesus Christ and your trust in Him, God just loves you! Because you believe that Jesus came from God to save you! God just loves you! Oh that we would realize the love of God towards us!

Joh 16:28 I came forth (ek; out of; indicating His pre-existence) from the Father and have come (presently and ongoing, what He will always be!) into the world. Again, I leave the world (the cross) and go to (His ascension) the Father.

- **And so Jesus is now telling them plainly, this is what it is.**
- **Lord, where are You going? He is telling them very plainly. I am going to the Father.**

Joh 16:29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!

Joh 16:30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.

- **They had been saying, What does He mean? You are going to see Me and then you are not going to see Me.** What's He talking about? Now as He talks to them about the very things they were asking questions among themselves, they say, *we are sure that You know all things.* You knew what we were discussing over there in our little corner. Now we know that you know all things!
- **And have no need that anyone should question You.** We do not have to ask You the questions. You know our questions before we ask them.
- **By this we believe that You came forth from God.** We believe that You are God incarnate. You have come forth from God.

Joh 16:31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now (just now) believe?"

- **Much like Peter. When Peter said, Lord, I will die for you.** Jesus said, Will you die for Me? They say, Lord, we now believe. And He said, *Do you now believe?*

Joh 16:32 *Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come (Judas is out betraying Him), that you will be scattered (passive), each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.*

- **Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone.** When He is arrested, they are going to be scattered. As prophesied in (**Zec 13:7b**) *Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.* When Jesus is crucified, *“You will leave Me alone!”*
- **And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.** Never alone. Never alone! You are never alone, you who have faith in Jesus Christ. He is with you. (**Mat 28:20b**) *Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.*

Joh 16:33 *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*

- **These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.** Remember the end of the fourteenth chapter? (**Joh 14:27**) *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.* These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you might have peace.”
- **In the world you will have tribulation.** It is going to be tough. The world is going to hate you. They are going to put you to death and think that they are doing God a service. *“In the world, you will have tribulation:”*
- **But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.** Jesus, through the cross, defeated Satan and the power that Satan has over you. The only power that Satan can exercise over you now is that which you allow him to do! Because of what Jesus Christ has done, Satan has been dethroned. But you remember in the Old Testament, the case of King Saul, when he failed to obey God, God rejected him from being the king over Israel. God sent Samuel down to the house of Jesse to anoint David to be God’s anointed king over Israel. But Saul was still on the throne. David was the anointed king. The kingdom belonged to David, but Saul was reigning, trying to destroy David. God’s purposes were accomplished and Saul was deposed and David came to the throne.
- **We have a similar situation. Jesus now is the rightful King over the earth! He has been anointed King!** But at the present time, Satan is still on the throne but not rightly. The power that he now exercises is usurped power. He seeks to hold by force that which is no longer his. But when we as a child of God come against the force and the power of Satan in the name of Jesus, through the victory that Jesus has wrought, **Satan has to yield!** He cannot hold on. He must yield to the authority of the name of Jesus! So that the weakest child of God through Jesus Christ has authority and power over Satan and over the forces of darkness.
- **Now we have entered the kingdom of God by receiving Jesus as our King!** Thus, being a citizen of the heavenly kingdom, Satan has no authority or hold or power over you unless you allow him to! He would like you to think that you are still under his power. He would like to come and scare you and sort of bully you. But you need to recognize your place of authority and victory and power in Jesus Christ! Yours is the victory! All you have to do is come against Satan’s powers in the name of Jesus and he must flee! (**Jas 4:7**) *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.* “Resist the devil!” He has to. That is one of your rights as a child of God!

SUMMARY:

- **The Coming Rejection!** – (vs. 1,3-4) *“These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. [3] And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. [4] But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.”*
- **The Work of the Holy Spirit!** - (vs. 7-14) *Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. [8] And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: [9] of sin, because they do not believe in Me; [10] of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; [11] of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. [12] *“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. [13] However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. [14] He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”**
- **Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy!** (vs. 20,23-24): *Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. [23]*

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. [24] Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

- **Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World! - (vs. 32-33)! Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.**

That in Me you may have peace! [33] *These things I have spoken to you, **that in Me you may have peace.** In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

THE LOVE OF GOD! Frederick Lehman – Phelps, Penrod & Gardner (4:19/4:22)

*The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.*

*Refrain: Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky. (Refrain)*

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