



The work of the Holy Spirit

John 16

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Remember what Jesus has said

John 16:1-4

"All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. 2 They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. 3 They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. 4 I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

Hard times will come

***John 16:33** "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

In God's economy, hard times come before good

16:22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

Grief first → Then joy that no one can take away

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John 16:5-7

"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. 7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

How was it good for Jesus to leave?

- **The Holy Spirit is not limited to a certain physical location**

Ps 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

- **The Holy Spirit is not external to us, but inside of us**

Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

- **The Holy Spirit empowers us to do the things that Jesus did**

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

The work of the Holy Spirit in the World

John 16:8-11

When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; 10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

The convicting work of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:22-39



The convicting work of the Holy Spirit

- Peter, pointed to the evidence that the people had rejected the son of God.
- He pointed to the evidence that Jesus was the son of God – miracles, the resurrection
- He called their attention to the gifts of the Holy Spirit being manifest that day as evidence of Jesus being exalted
- He called them to repent to escape the coming judgment

The devil IS defeated

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***John 12:31** Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.*

***Col 2:15** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

The work of the Holy Spirit in the Church

John 16:12-15

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Direct access to God

John 16:23-33

23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

25 "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

Take Heart!

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